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MINUTES

of the

Thirty-Eighth Annual Session

of the

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With the

EAST GASTONIA CHURCH

Gastonia, N. C.

October 25th, 26th

1916

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of ten members, three from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. Nine members shall be elected at this session, one from each section of the Association to serve one year, one from each section for two years, one from each section for three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of each session a Committee of three who shall nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October at 11 A. M. The annual sermon to be preached at such time as each session shall determine.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be—Meet at 9:30 A. M., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Moderator ---------- Osborne Brown, Long Island, N. C.
Vice-Moderator ---------- W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.
Clerk ---------- J. F. Click, Hickory, N. C.
Treasurer ---------- J. O. Allen, Lincolnton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1 year)	(2 years)	(3 years)
H. B. Moore	J. D. Harte	F. M. Huggins
J. D. Elliott	R. F. Craig	J. W. Whitley
J. Yates Killian	T. J. Ramseur	W. W. Rimmer

ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. P. Abernethy, Gastonia, N. C.
J. M. Ballard, Alexis, N. C.
P. W. Bangle, Lincolnton, N. C.
W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C.
W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory, N. C.
C. E. Beaver, Maiden, N. C.
W. N. Cook, Hickory, N. C.
J. S. Connell, Catawba, N. C.
C. M. Croom, Catawba, N. C.
J. D. Harte, Hickory, N. C.
R. A. Hicks, Wake Forest, N. C.
I. M. Hildebran, Hickory, N. C.
J. A. Hoyle, Maiden, N. C.
F. M. Huggins, Belmont, N. C.
R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.
W. B. McClure, Alexis, N. C.
W. G. Moore, Mt. Holly, N. C.
B. C. Morris, Maiden, N. C.
J. D. Moose, Maiden, N. C.
I. T. Newton, Dallas, N. C.
Rush Padgett, Hickory, N. C.
J. B. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C.
C. Q. Rhyne, Gastonia, N. C.
G. E. Rhyne, Gastonia, N. C.
W. W. Rimmer, Lincolnton, N. C.
A. W. Setzer, Maiden, N. C.
S. L. Smith, Four Oaks, N. C.
L. P. Smith, Hickory, N. C.
J. A. Snow, Newton, N. C.
D. E. Vipperman, McAdenville, N.C.
C. C. Wheler, Lincolnton, N. C.
J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.
L. R. Williams, Maiden, N. C.
H. B. Chronister, Maiden, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS

FIRST—Belmont, Dallas, Gastonia, East Gastonia, Loray, McAdenville, Mayworth, Lowell, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek, Sandy Plains, High Shoals, Tuckasege.

SECOND—Lincolnton, Lincolnton Avenue, Sharon, Salem, Mt. Zion, Kidd's Chapel, River View, Long Shoals, Bethel, Leonard's Fork, Alexis, Lucia, Faith, Lawing's Chapel, Denver, Center View, Mt. Beulah.

THIRD—Hickory, Highland, Corinth, Newton, Maiden, Cedar Grove, Piney Grove, Catawba, Olivet, Providence I, Providence II, Thessalonica, Reepsville, Mtn. Grove, Penelope, Startown, Warlick's Chapel, Amity, West Hickory, Brookford.

The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS

South Fork Baptist Association met in its thirty-eighth annual session with East Gastonia Baptist church, Gaston County, at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 1916.

After song and praise service by the church choir, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Osborne Brown. Prayer Rev. C. C. Wheeler, leading.

The roll of churches were called. Forty churches answered the first roll call, with letters, and the delegates enrolled as follows, including those who reported later i.. the session:

Alexis—J. F. Ballard.

Amity—James Mullen, Miss Flora Mullen, William Ballard.

Belmont, First—W. J. Francis, F. M. Huggins, M. W. Sanford.

Bethel—A. M. Harrell, W. C. Mullen.

Brookford—C. P. Edwards.

Bruington—J. P. Calaway.

Catawba—Represented by letter only.

Cedar Grove—T. G. Bost.

Center View—M. C. Laney, J. E. Caldwell, J. B. Laney, E. J. Caldwell.

Corinth—G. W. Whitworth, Joseph Willis.

Dallas—F. H. Robinson, W. C. Rhyne, I. T. Newton.

Denver—By letter.

East Belmont—W. L. Chapman, E. S. Tritt, R. G. Mace.

East Gastonia—C. B. Newton, R. W. Ballard, W. L. Walters, J. L. Price, J. W. Whitley.

Faith—B. G. Ballard.

Gastonia, First—Joe S. Wray, W. C. Barrett, W. J. Clifford.

Hebron—Not represented.

Hickory, First—J. D. Harte, W. R. Bradshaw, J. F. Click, and R. M. Perry.

Hickory Grove—J. Lee Abernethy, J. S. Smith, W. T. Rankin, M. C. Auton.

Highland—W. S. Robinson, Earnest Teague.

High Shoals—J. C. Lazenby.

Kidds Chapel—W. A. Pool.

Lawnings Chapel—Silvester Whisnant.

Leonards Fork—J. W. Hoover, M. A. Hoyle.

Lincolnton Ave.—W. W. Caldwell, J. V. Chapman, R. A. Dellinger.

Lincolnton, First—J. O. Allen, T. J. Ramseur, L. V. Padgett, C. C. Wheeler.

Long Creek—A. R. Holland, H. L. Jenkins, T. S. Summey.

Long Shoals—Frank Reep, R. B. Huffman.

Loray—G. P. Abernethy, A. H. Mitchem.

Lowell—J. P. Kimbro, J. Ira Harris.

Lucia—A. U. Stroup, W. H. Allen.

McAdensville—J. C. Harris, T. P. Skidmore, D. E. Vipperman.

Macedonia—E. G. Lee.

Maiden—J. A. Hoyle, C. B. Garrett, Daniel Curlee.

Mayworth—V. T. Morris, Troy Hudspeth, M. W. Flowers.

Mtn. Grove—Calvin Baker, J. B. Rockett.

Mtn. View—J. A. Williams, R. D. Dellinger, L. R. Williams.

Mt. Holly—J. M. Cherry, W. N. Skidmore, W. G. Moore.

Mt. Beulah—L. A. Barbee, W. A. Mason.

Mt. Ruhama—W. M. Caldwell, S. M. Abernethy, Rans Campbell, L. R. Williams.

Mt. Zion—J. H. McClure, L. A. McClure, W. P. McClure, R. A. Nance.

Newton—S. T. Gaddy, A. L. Ervin, J. F. Hawkins, J. A. Snow.

Olivet—J. S. Connell, J. T. Ervin, W. W. Ervin, H. O. Eades, I. A. Litten.

Penelope—Thos. Hildebran, I. M. Hildebran.

Piney Grove—J. P. Abernethy.

Providence II—C. E. Beaver, R. L. Asherbranner, D. W. Brittain, A. D. Young.

Reepsville—No letter, no delegates.

River View—H. L. Throneburg, C. P. Hawkins.

Salem—O. G. Hill.

Sandy Plains—D. B. Harwell, J. H. Featherstone, Raymond Brison, W. L. Beatty.

Sharon—Sisters Pansy Abernethy and Parrie Hallman.

Spencer Mtn.—O. G. Pasour, R. W. Armstrong, W. E. Lowe.

Startown—John Burris, Sister Mrs. Grace Wilson and J. Y .Killian.

Thessalonica—W. P. Rhoney, D. H. Ramseur.

Tuckesege—J. H. Martin, J. H. Walker.

Warlick's—John Jones, Robt. Icard.

Webb's Chapel—Wm. R. Huffstetler, J. B. Summey and C. S. Rhyne.

West Hickory—W. N. Cook and L. P. Smith.

After roll call for delegates, the following visiting brethren were welcomed: E. L. Middleton, State S. S. Secretary; Archibald Johnson Editor Charity and Children; and Elders S. F. Conrad, S. A. Rhyne, C. A. Lineberger, C. A. Rhyne and Dr. Clarence D. Graves of Wake Forest.

The following new comers to this Association were also welcomed: J. W. Whitley, C. C. Wheeler, D. E. Vipperman, J. A. Snow, L. P. Smith, W. G. Moore, F. M. Huggins.

By motion, the Association proceeded to organize. Moderator Osborne Brown called W. C. Barrett to the chair. The following were elected for the session and ensuing year: Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice-Moderator, W. L. Walters; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, J. O. Allen.

On taking his seat, the moderator appointed the following committee on Order of Business: J. W. Whitley, W. C. Barrett and J. T. Ervin.

After singing—"All other ground is sinking sand," the annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Harte. He urged "Spiritual Renewal," on the part of all Christians—preachers as well as the laity, using the text—"Then said Samuel to the people, come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the Kingdom there." I Samuel, 11, 14.

After the sermon, the committee, appointed on the order of business, submitted the following:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Thursday Morning

9 to 9:15—Devotional services.
9:15 to 9:45—Report on Ministerial Relief.
9:45 to 10:15—Report on Sunday schools.
10:15 to 10:45—Report on Education.
10:45 to 11:15—Report on State Missions.
11:15 to 12:00—Report on Orphanage.
12:00 to 1:00—Adjourn for dinner.

Thursday Afternoon

1:00 to 1:30—Report on Woman's Work.
1:30 to 2:00—Report on Biblical Recorder.
2:00 to 2:30—Report on B. Y. P. U.

2:30 to 3:00—Report on South Fork Institute.
3:00 to 3:30—Report on Digest of Letters.
3:30 to 4:00—Report on Obituaries.
4:00 to 4:30—Miscellaneous Business.

Night Session

7:30 to 8:00—Devotional Services.
8:00 to 8:45—Report on Home Missions.
8:45 to 9:30—Report on Foreign Missions.

J. W. WHITLEY,
W. C. BARRETT,
J. T. ERVIN,
Committee.

By motion, the report was adopted.

After prayer, Rev. W. B. McClure leading, the Association adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9 o'clock.

After devotional services, conducted by Rev. R. D. Carroll, the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer Rev. J. A. Hoyle leading.

The minutes of the night session, were read, corrected and approved.

A motion was made to seat the lady delegates. After some discussion, that motion was tabled until 2 p. m.

The following visiting brethren were welcomed: Rev. R. D. Carroll and Rev. L. R. Pruitt, of Charlotte and W. R. Beach of Kings Mountain, representative of the Biblical Recorder.

G. P. Abernethy submitted the following report:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Baptist Ministers Relief Board was established in 1890, and was located in Durham. It is composed of nine trustees and a number of associate members. The trustees have the power to transact the business of the Board and all live in or near Durham to save traveling expenses. The associate members are distributed over the State and are expected to have an eye to the interest of the work of the board in their respective communities. Both the trustees and the associate members are elected annually by the Baptist State Convention.

The object of this Board is to afford aid and relief to needy Baptist preachers of North Carolina and their widows. There are at present 35 beneficiaries. There are several other applications before the board now that we can not help at present. There is an increase every year in the number of applications for aid.These 35 beneficiaries receive from $40 to $200 each per year and several of them need more. Some of them are absolutely dependent upon what they get from this board. It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist in the state that no one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of God's truth should suffer for the actual necessities of life.

Last year 19 churches in this Association contributed $102.51 leaving 38 churches in the blank list. We trust that it has been better this year. We feel like every church in the Association should make an offering to this work some time during the year.

We recommend that every church in this association comply with the long standing request of this board which is, that an offering be

made during the Christmas holidays for these dear Old Preachers and their widows.

Respectfully submitted,
G. P. ABERNEHY.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report on Ministerial Relief was discussed by G. P. Abernethy.

The report was adopted.

W. N. Cook submitted the following report on Sunday Schools:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

As we look backward, we see that there has been wonderful progress made in all lines of our church work. This development has largely been brought about by our competent leaders who have put their time, brain and heart into their work.

Years ago we saw a vision of the possibilities that were before us, and that vision has blended into realities. Our Sunday Schools have been growing more rapidly than any other phase of our church work. In the last ten years our churches have gained in number twenty three per cent, while our Sunday Schools have gained sixty three per cent. Our church membership has increased fifty-four per cent while, our Sunday schools have increased one hundred and six per cent. Along all lines our people are planning for better things. Prior to 1910 we did not have a A-1 or standard school, and only one until 1914, and then only two. Now we will have at the closing of this year nearly half a hundred A-1 schools. In 1911 we only had 200 teachers holding diplomas, now we have nearly 4,000, and the same year there were only two teachers holding Red Seals and one holding a blue seal in the entire state. Now we have more than 330 teachers holding Red Seals and more than 100 with Blue Seals.

Again, many of our churches have been built or repaired so as to accommodate our Sunday Schools in a more adequate way, so as to give each pupil still better advantage. Our superintendents and teachers are being trained in our colleges and schools especially for this work, so that the best results may be had. But with all this work that has been done, there is a great field yet before us. Hundreds and thousands of our boys and girls do not go to Sunday school, and unless our Sunday schools become more and more attractive, they will not go. Our work is not complete until every boy and girl in our bounds is enlisted. If pastors, parents, superintendents, and teachers will cooperate together in the prosecution of this great work, much more than has yet been done, may be accomplished. Therefore, let us all work together for the growth of the kingdom through the Sunday school.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report on Sunday schools was discussed by W. N. Cook and E. L. Middleton.

The report was adopted.

W. C. Barrett submitted the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The mind is that part of a man which makes him like his Creator. God blessed man above all other created things in that he gave him a mind which enables him to think, to choose, to compare objects and draw conclusions. The training of this power is called education. The possibility of training has never been tested. No one knows just how far the human mind can be trained. Some persons have been trained through a long life, and the possibilities seem greater at the end than at the beginning. It is not only the privilege of every human being to train his mind, but it is the duty, for in so doing he

is enabled to serve God and man more acceptably.

In order to carry on this work of training which we call education it is necessary to have a system of schools and colleges. The Baptists of North Carolina have been doing educational work ever since the State Baptist Convention was organized, but until recently the work was done by separate and distinct schools and colleges. A few years ago, the Convention elected a Board of Education. Since that time the Board has been endeavoring to systematize our schools and colleges.

In order to accomplish the task before us as a denomination, it is necessary to have this system of schools and colleges; and in order to sustain them, it is necessary to support them in two ways.—First, by patronizing them, and, second, by financial support. The Educational Board of the Convention has suggested that each church undertake to raise for education two-fifths as much as it raises for State Missions.

In establishing and supporting this system of schools, we not only furnish an opportunity for the education of our boys and girls under Baptist influence and supervision, but we also assist in the education of ministers and missionaries who are to take up the work at home and abroad.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was ably discussed by Rev. Graves, pastor of Wake Forest church.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed as committee on place and preacher the following brethren: I. T. Newton, J. D. Harte and W. W. Ervin.

Rev. F. M. Huggins submitted the following report:

STATE MISSIONS

There are two reasons why state missions should be supported by every baptist in North Carolina. The first is because the Master has commanded us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and as "the field is the world," North Carolina is a part of it. The second is because of the great need. For every soul that has been regenerated, these reasons are sufficient and final, and should furnish the propelling dynamic necessary for the accomplishment of our mission work.

These reasons have been operative in our state mission work, and it is because of them that we have accomplished what has been done. It is gratifying to note that progress is being made along all lines of our state mission work. The report on state missions, as written in the minutes of our Baptist State Convention for 1915 says with regard to our mission churches "that the contributions to the objects of the convention have increased nearly two thousand dollars, while nearly a thousand more was given this year than last to support of pastors," and that "there were over a thousand more baptisms, and five hundred more added by letter this year than last." Indications are that the next report will be still more favorable, and that some of the mission fields will become self sustaining. We rejoice also in the general quickening of interest in state missions among all of our churches which is due largely to the untiring energy of our pastors and Bro. Bradshaw and our Corresponding Secretary Walter N. Johnson.

The churches of the South Fork Association gave last year $1481.00 for state missions which was an increase of $261.00 over the preceding year. While we rejoice in this increase, your committee would call attention to the fact that this is only $26.00 per church or nineteen cents per member, and that nine hundred dollars of the amount we raise this year is spent within the bounds of our association, so that we are giving for the work outside of our associa-

tion only six hundred dollars.

It should be our aim to enlist the cooperation and contributions of every Baptist in the association for this work, and while we should not do less for our own association, perhaps, yet we should do more for the work outside our association.

Your committee recommends: First. That a supreme effort now be put forth to raise our part of the $55,000. We have $28,000 to be raised and less than four weeks to do it in. Second. That for the coming year the churches increase their contributions to state missions 25 per cent; third, that every church endeavor to enlist all of its members in systematic giving as outlined by Paul in I Cor. 16:2. Last year we paid $648.00 interest on borrowed money. Regular, systematic giving would have saved this amount to the denomination.

Pending a motion to adopt, Bro. Huggins gave his time to Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. By motion, Bro. Bradshaw was given thirty minutes or more to discuss State Missions. It was a great speech.

After singing, "We will work till Jesus comes," the report was adopted.

The following report on Orphanage was read and submitted by J. W. Whitley.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

The Baptists of North Carolina should be proud of their Orphanage at Thomasville. They are to be congratulated on having one of the best equipped and well managed orphanages in the entire country. The location of the institution is ideal. It is high and healthful, beautiful and sanitary, made so by nature and wise management. Under the efficient management of Supt. Kestler, ably assisted by officers, teachers, and matrons, it has grown until it now cares for five hundred boys and girls from two to eighteen years.

The first child was received into the Orphanage Nov. 11, 1885. Since then 1662 have been enrolled and at present there are five hundred in the institution—four hundred and fifty at Thomasville and fifty at the Kennedy Home. The average cost for each child is about $109.08 a year. Children are received between the ages of two and twelve and dismissed according to preparation rather than age.

The health of the children during the past year has been good for which we are indeed grateful. There is not a more hale and hearty set of children to be found anywhere than at our Orphanage.

The school work had no serious interruptions and the results were gratifying. Twelve boys and seventeen girls finished this year. In the main, our school work is along the line of high school preparation for college. Some radical changes are now being contemplated in regard to the education of our children there.

The Charity and Children, a weekly paper, most ably edited by Brother Archibald Johnson, and printed by the Orphanage, is, we believe the best paper of its kind in America, is richly worth the subscription price, $1.00 per year, and should go into every Baptist home in our state every week.

One of the most pressing needs in the way of equipment is a chapel for the children at the Kennedy Home. We trust that some man who can, or some set of men, may respond to this call of the children.

As our Orphanage has no endowment except the rank and file of Baptists of North Carolina; it is entirely dependent for its equipment and maintenance upon us. We therefore urge upon the pastors

and Sunday school superintendents the importance of keeping its needs before our people all the time. The people are willing and anxious to support it and will do it if informed of its needs from time to time.

The indebtedness on the institution has been about half canceled by some bequests and the One Day's Work for the Orphanage last Thanksgiving day. Our Orphanage began this movement and it has been greatly strengthened by the North Carolina Orphanage Association taking hold of it.

The following suggestions are offered:

1. That every church and Sunday school make a monthly offering (not a collection) to the Orphanage.
2. That each Sunday school take a club of Charity and Children.
3. That each church hold a Thanksgiving service laying before our people the privilege of giving one day's work to the Orphanage, thus freeing it from debt and making it possible for it to do its most efficient work.

Respectfully submitted,
JULIUS W. WHITLEY.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Archibald Johnson of Thomasville. In this connection, Rev. J. D. Harte offered the following

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That we hereby commit our association to the policy of giving the equal of one's day wage to their Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage, and that our pastors and delegates be requested to return to their homes and to put into effect the spirit of this resolution at the coming and succeeding Thanksgiving occasions.

By motion, the resolution with the report was adopted.

After prayer, I. T. Newton leading, the Association adjourned until 1:00 p. m for dinner, to be served in the basement by the ladies of the congregation.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After song and praise service by the church choir, the Vice Moderator called the Association to order.

Rev. J. W. Whitley submitted the following report:

BIBLICAL RECORDER

For more than eighty years the Biblical Recorder has been the organ of our denomination and through its columns only we believe we can keep ourselves informed and in touch with the great studies of our denomination. In all our growth the Recorder has played no small part of the spiritual power and inspiration. During all these years; many families and individuals have been served and edified. but many more than that who ought to be reading their denominational paper are confining themselves to dailies and cheap novels that are worth less than they cost. The Recorder ought to be in every Baptist home. With two hundred and sixty-five thousand Baptists in North Carolina at least one hundred thousand ought to take the Recorder. Every ordained minister, every Sunday school superintendent, every church clerk and every deacon ought to take the Recorder. For two dollars ($2.00) the Recorder will visit your homes weekly for twelve months by bringing news items, revival news, Sunday school lessons, W. M. U. and Baptist B. Y. P. U. statistics and many

other things that all intelligent Christians like to know.

Do you take it?

Pending the adoption,the report was discussed by Rev. W. R. Beach.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed Bro. W. L. Walters to audit the Treasurer's books.

New delegates were enrolled.

Rev. J. S. Connell submitted the report on B. Y. P. U. ,as follows:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

1. We have in round numbers, 300 Senior and Junior unions, with approximately ten thousand members.

2. We have city wide organizations in seven of our North Carolina cities thus leading all the states of the South in that particular.

3. We urge the necessity of B. Y. P. U.'s in our association, organizing as early as possible, an annual meeting for the specific purpose of considering young people's work, just as we have associational Sunday school conventions. This answers to what, in the cities, is known as the City B. Y. P. U.

4. There is great necessity for organizing unions in the churches where there are none. Especially is this true in the large country churches where there are many young people, for the very training they need as young people, socially and religiously, is afforded them by the B. Y. P. U..

An important step was taken in the right direction last year at our State Convention, when Rev. J. D. Moore was put in the field for full time (instead of half time) as B. Y. P. U. State Secretary, with headquarters at Raleigh.

(Free literature may be had on the subject by writing him.)

Now shall we baptize and turn loose? We do not mean to do it. But that is what we are doing if we do not have a B. Y. P. U.

There is otherwise no place but a seat on the pews for our young christian who is desirous of doing something.

His religious fevor cools when he can not work at it. It is most easily maintained when something definite is laid out for him to do.

The B. Y. P. U. has come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

Our people are ready to welcome it. Our young people are ready to inlist in it, with the desire of equipping themselves for the King and His kingdom.

Pending its adoption, the report was discussed by its introducer, and adopted.

Rev. W. C. Barrett announced that the next annual state meeting of the B. Y. P. U., would be held in Gastonia, and hoped many churches in the Association could be represented.

The motion to seat the lady delegates was taken from the table, was discussed and then passed by a rising vote.

A letter from Mt. Beulah, asking to become a member of the Association, was read.

By motion, the letter and organization of Mt. Beulah was referred to a special committee, appointed by the Moderator. The committee appointed was as follows: W. C. Barrett, F. M. Huggins, and G. P. Abernethy.

Rev. J. D. Harte submitted the following:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

There are 1212 active societies in the state that contributed the

last Convention year a grand total of $48,832.53. There are 41 Societies in our South Fork Association that contributed $1,550. These are very simple statements, yet they embody the results in dollars and cents of our devoted sisterhood. Only the Lord knows the toils and sacrifices made in order to procure this great amount of money into the denominational life. Yet, the gathering of Mission funds does not constitute the greatest nor the most important contribution our sisters are making to the interests of the Kingdom. They are forever engaged in the missionary educational propaganda. They never cease learning about Missions and teaching the children and young people of our churches about Missions.

They have taken over from the churches the Missionary educational work, beginning with the Sunbeams and continuing until they send one increasingly large number of trained, intelligent givers into the ranks of our churches. Beginning with a one cent child they make a dollar giver out of it. All honor to the patient toilers in the missionary organizations of our churches. The hope of our churches lies in the sort of work they do. They not only drill missionary facts into the charts of the young, but they provide a method for the outlet of this intelligent inspiration for regular and systematic giving. The result is that the 1200 members of the societies give substantially one third as much to Foreign, Home and State Missions as the other 6,000 members of Baptist churches in our Association give. This is largely due to the educational work in the Societies, coupled with the habit of regular giving as practiced by the women and children.

In addition to these lines of work, there is yet another that is the very ground work of the whole matter and that is the provision made and carried out by our sisters for regular seasons of prayer for Missions. It matters not who may hinder or oppose, our sisters throughout the whole South have their days and their weeks of prayer for Missions and Missionaries. They keep the fire burning on their own altars, and from their altars many others light their torches.

Mrs. H. B. Moore is our Associational vice-president, and any church that has no organization among their women or children will be gladly assisted by her, and her helpers. The time should speedily come when every church in the Association should have a Woman's Missionary Society and the other organizations that it fosters.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HARTE.

Pending the adoption of the report, Sister Mrs. H. B. Moore being present, was asked to make a statement. which she briefly and reluctantly did, but with feminine taste, modesty and power.

The report was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the letter of Mt. Beulah church reported as follows:

BEULAH CHURCH

We have examined the letter, and the Presbytery that organized Mt. Beulah church and find it regular as to Baptist usage, and therefore recommend that it be received as a member of this Association.

W. C. BARRETT,
F. M. HUGGINS,
G. P. ABERNETHY.

The report was adopted, and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator, and were duly enrolled and seated as delegates and members of the Association.

C. B. Garrett read the following:

REPORT ON SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

For the present scholastic year, the trustees of South Fork Institute employed C. B. Garrett as principal and manager, J. H. Beach as assistant principal and custodian of the boys' dormitory, Miss Stella Garrett as principal of the primary department and lady principal of the girls' dormitory, and Mrs. Garrett, wife of the manager, as matron. Since the election of the principal the services of Miss Nellie Lou Tippins, of Claxton, Ga., has been secured as music teacher and assistant in the primary department.

The principal arrived at South Fork August 3, and began to study and become acquainted with the school conditions. He found a number of things that would prevent a successful opening, among which the following may be mentioned: First. The people of this section had suffered much loss on account of excessive rain and freshets, commonly called the flood. Second. The town of Maiden had voted special taxes for the local public school, and it was proposed that high school work be instituted. Third. The buildings were badly in need of repairs, and the equipment was dificient. Fourth. Some of the friends of the school had decided it best to move it where a number of attempts to organize a Baptist school heretofore had failed. This hindrance has perhaps hurt the school more than all others combined.

The late arrival of the principal together with the agitation of moving came very near being the death blow to the school, but knowing that perseverance is one of the cardinal elements of success, he began in the few days remaining to make a canvass to find boys and girls who should be in school. Besides visiting a number of country churches, camp meetings and homes of prospective students, he freely made use of printers ink and mailed about five hundred letters to pastors, church clerks, Sunday school superintendents and prospective students.

The school opened Sept. 4 with 43 students the first day. The following is a summary of the enrollment to date: First week 48, boarding students 9. In the literary department Oct. 20 there were, 76; music department 10; those in Bible and music are not in literary department 6, making total enrollment in all departments 82. There are six ministerial students, three of whom are married.

While the students of South Fork may not be so well drilled in the respective grades as in the city schools, yet they are more easily taught, since there are fewer attractions that detract, and besides the boarding students are under control of the teachers night and day—there are regular hours for study, for recitations, for meals, for recreation and sleep. Regular habits are conductive to proper development, physical, mental and spiritual. The boarding students are required to attend religious services at least once each Sunday. The personnel of the student body is first class. The boys and girls are enthusiastic in the work of their literary societies. We are sure the girls are ardent admirers of our Moderator, for they have honored him and themselves by adopting his as the name for their literary society.

There is no reason that South Fork Institute can not be filled with students, but there are several reasons that might be given to show how it may become one of the most successful Associational schools in our state. The first thing necessary is to devise some plan to liquidate the present indebtedness and then spend fifteen or twenty thousand dollars in the way of improvements. The present main building might be converted into a boys' dormitory and then a modern school building should be erected. The Baptists of South

Fork Association numbering over 7 000 are well able to do this.

If South Fork Institute has not been incorporated, it should be done, and then stock may be issued to those who may contribute fifty or one hundred or more dollars for the liquidation of the present indebtedness or for improvements. Then should the school ever be discontinued or moved, those who hold stock may realize at least their investment. It is not expected that the stock holders shall realize any dividends in dollars and cents while the school is maintained at its present location, but they will realize in dividends throughout all eternity something worth more than money. The influences of the young men and women who have been and are now being prepared at South Fork for the ministry, for college, and for the duties of life, will more than repay for the expense of equipping and maintaining the school. Judson, after he had been in Burma for nearly a third of a century, said, "If I had a thousand dollars to give away, I would put it into a Christian school in America, because in building Christian schools and in filling them with boys and girls we are raising the seed corn of the world."

The Christian ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union of South Fork Association, who last year assumed the expenses of installing electric lights in the Institute, have decided to make the school an object of this contribution in the way of maintaining the equipment of the dormitories and dining room. This means the future success of the school; for when earnest, consecrated Christian women cooperate, the Lord will bless their efforts.

The last reason for supporting and maintaining South Fork Institute is that one can live there at less expense than anywhere else in North Carolina. Students can pay tuition and board for less than board will cost in other schools.

We submit the following recommendations:

First. That this Association reaffirm its relations to South Fork Institute by making effective the suggestions of Rev. M. A. Adams, which were adopted at its last session.

Second. That the churches be requested to cooperate with the trustees to raise the present indebtedness, and to devise ways and means to improve the equipment of the institution, and thus declare for the future usefulness and for the permanency as to the present location of the school.

Third. That a committee be appointed to correspond with the Home Mission Board relative to its present policy in making appropriations to Baptist schools and if satisfaction is not secured, then this committee is authorized to present the matter to our Baptist Convention and further to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. GARRET.

By motion, the Trustees' report was read and the two reports discussed together and thirty minutes be given to it.

Rev. I. T. Newton read the

TRUSTEES REPORT

The South Fork Institute located at Maiden is owned and controlled by the South Fork and Catawba River Associations. The policies of the school are now directed by the Trustees, as required some time ago, by the South Fork Association.

THE FACULTY

Prof. C. B. Garrett, educated at Wake Forest College, is principal and general manager. Prof. J. H. Beach, B. A., Wake Forest College, is assistant principal, and has charge of the Boys' Dormitory.

Miss Stella Garrett, A. B. Chowan College, has charge of the Primary department, and the Girls' Dormitory. Miss Nellie Pippins, B. M. Wesleyan College, Ga., teaches music and assists in the Primary department. Miss Janie Garrett also teaches in the school. Prof. Garrett teaches the Bible.

TUITION

Rates of tuition are $1 to $3.50 per month. Music $2.50. Students are charged a small incidental fee.

BOARD

Board is on the club plan, and Mrs. C. B. Garrett is in charge of this department Mrs. Garrett receives her own board and $1.25 per month for each boarding pupil, board costing each student about $8.50 per month. All teachers pay board except Prof. Beach who keeps house in the Boys Dormitory.

FINANCES

The Trustees guaranteed $1,500 for the Literary work per term of 8 1-2 months. Prof. Beach to receive $500 of this amount. In case the tuition fund exceeds $1,500, the excess is to be divided between Profs. Garrett and Beach, in the same proportion as above. Prof. Garrett to receive $200. also for his work in the Bible department, provided this be raised among the churches and brethren. The music department supports itself.

ATTENDANCE

Surely the flood conditions have limited the attendance. Also the enlarged work of the public school in Maiden has taken away some. And yet, the enrollment now is 82 compared with 86 this date last year. There are six ministerial students, three of whom are married. The spirit and work of the student body is very gratifying.

SMALL DEBT

There was a deficit on teachers' salaries from last year of over $100. Part of this has been paid. Also $153.58 have been spent on equipment and repairs. The buildings have been thoroughly cleansed and some furnishings added, so that all buildings are more sanitary and comfortable.

We believe with the present faculty and boarding arrangement, students will come in great numbers if other necessary equipment be provided.

We mention with gratitude the interest manifested by our women in their recent meeting in Hickory, and their definite purpose to contribute $50.00 a year as a scholarship. We recommend,

1. That the Association at this session, raise the deficit of $179.16.
2. That definite arrangement be made for the support of the Bible department.
3. That suitable effort be made to liquidate standing indebtedness.
4. That a plan be devised to meet special needs as they arise.

Respectfully submitted,
I. T. NEWTON,
For the Committee.

The two reports were discussed by I. T. Newton, J. D. Harte, J. A. Hoyle, C. A. Lineberger, W. C. Barrett and others.

By motion, the raising of the deficit of $179.16 asked for, was deferred to the session at 8 p. m.

By motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee of seven to meet with the Trustees immediately on adjournment: G. P. Abernethy, J. W. Whitley, C. C. Wheeler, F. M. Huggins, J. A. Snow, L. R. Williams and W. C. Barrett.

By motion, the Association adjourned until 7:30. Song: Amazing Grace." Prayer, W. R. Beach leading.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association met at 7:30. After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. A. Snow, the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer, G. P. Abernethy leading.

According to a motion made in the evening session, the deficit reported at South Fork Institute of $179.16, was raised in cash and 30 day pledges.

The special committee of seven appointed to meet with the Trustees of South Fork Institute, relative to paying the debt on the school, and merging the schools made the following report:

CONSOLIDATING SCHOOLS

Your committee finds that it is unable to agree on a method of campaign, but adopted the following recommendation: That a committee of twelve be appointed to act with the Trustees of South Fork Institute to confer with like committees, by Catawba River and Caldwell Associations on the advisability of merging the schools of the three Associations. The said committee having the power to act. If unable to agree on a satisfactory plan, the said committee shall inaugurate a campaign for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to pay off the indebtedness of the South Fork Institute.

Respectfully submitted,
I. T. NEWTON, For Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to confer with North Catawba and Caldwell Associations: W. C. Barrett, J. W. Whitley, W. G. Moore, C. C. Wheeler, J. S. Connell, L. R. Williams, J. A. Snow, W. W. Rimmer, R. G. Mace, J. D. Moore, L. P. Smith and G. P. Abernethy.

Rev. I. T. Newton submitted the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board located at Atlanta, Ga., is the executive agency of the Southern Baptist Convention for home mission work.

When this work was begun seventy-one years ago it consisted mainly in the simpler work of preaching the gospel and establishing churches in the Southern States, especially the South west; work among the negroes and Indians being included at an early date.

The development of this work during the years may be indicated by these terms:

1. Increasing the territory.

From a few widely scattered and isolated mission points vast fields in cooperation with the several State Boards, are now being occupied, including Cuba and Panama.

2. Diversifying the work.

In more recent years there have been added the following departments: Mountain Schools, Evangelism, Church Building, Enlistment, Educational Publicity and work among Foreigners.

3. Intensifying the work.

Through the above mentioned departments the Board is seeking to

work more thoroughly all the Home Mission territory, especially striving for a sane, sound and safe evangelism.

The following recommendations are made:

1. That our people be urged to read Home Mission Literature. Tracts may be had for the asking. Special mention, however, should be made of "Southern Baptist Home Missions" by Dr. Masters, and the new magazine, "Home and Foreign Fields" published by the Sunday School Board for fifty cents per year.

2. That our contributions be increased so as to be as nearly as possible in keeping with the growth of the work.

Respectfully submitted,
I. T. NEWTON.

Pending adoption, the report was discussed by Rev. C. C. Wheeler.

The report was adopted.

Rev. J. D. Harte submitted the following

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, that we desire to express our sincerest thanks to the brethren and friends of East Gastonia Baptist church for their very kind and generous hospitality lavished upon us during this very pleasant stay within their gates, hearts and homes.

By motion, the resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

By motion, the Clerk was authorized to have the usual amount of minutes printed and distribute them, and to receive the usual amount for his services.

The Treasurer submitted his annual report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the South Fork Baptist Association, Greeting:

I, J. O. Allen, treasurer of said association, beg leave to submit my annual report as follows: viz,

Receipts

Minute Funds	$64.65
State Missions	29.12
Home Missions	16.46
Foreign Missions	16.46
Sunday School Missions	1.50
Thomasville Orphanage	18.31
Aged Ministers Relief	.68
Total Receipts	$141.72

Disbursements

J. F. Click, services as Clerk	$15.00
J. F. Click, to pay for printing minutes	49.65
Walters Durham, State Missions	29.12
Walters Durham, Home Missions	11.00
Walters Durham, Foreign Missions	16.46
Walters Durham, Sunday School Missions	1.50
F. B. Hamrick, Orphanage	18.31
Balance in hand, Old Ministers Relief	.68
Total Disbursements and Balance in hand	$141.72

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of October, 1916.

J. O. ALLEN, Treasurer.

I have audited the foregoing report and find it correct.

W. L. WALTERS.

Rev. J. A. Snow read the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We are living in the greatest period of the world's history, and the Lord is smiling upon us. It is true, this is a period of great transitions; the unrest in society, in state and nation, reveal the need of Christ to bring a calm in the world-storm. The United States of America, is more honored and respected than ever before. The struggling nations are looking to the people of the United States to pour oil on the troubled waters. So let us realize that the stay of our nation is the Christian church. Europe has lost her influence and power to evangelize the Pagan world, the Pagan world is looking to us for the blessed gospel light, so the great responsibility rests heavily upon the Baptists, because we proclaim the gospel in all its pristine purity—salvation by faith, and individual responsibility. Every one is responsible to God, and should present his body a living sacrifice, not a dead one. The world will never see Jesus as it ought until we give Him first place in our hearts.

During the year we have made advancements along all lines regardless of the European and Mexican wars, and the outlook today is brighter than ever before in the history of missions. The Christian world has had a great vision. That the obligation rest upon it, to give the heathen world the soul-saving message. The heathen world has been converted to the truth, that its greatest need is Christ. Now, in view of this great truth, we ought to be more in earnest; for it looks as though we are only playing with the task of missions, when as a fact we North Carolina Baptists gave less than 17 cents per capita to Foreign Missions last year, but our people are becoming more interested in missions from year to year, and we trust that the time is not far distant when we will render unto God his tenth or more; for the tenth is only the minimum.

In the rifted cloud we can see the star of hope and it becons us onward and upward to higher things in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. SNOW.

The report was adopted.

The committee on place and preacher made the following report on

PLACE AND PREACHER

For next Association to be held in 1917.
Place to be left to the disposal of the Executive Committee.
Preacher—F. M. Huggins. Alternate—J. A. Hoyle.

I. T. NEWTON,
J. D. HARTE,
W. W. ERVIN,
Committee.

By motion, J. D. Elliott was elected to succeed himself as this Association's member of the State Mission Board.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. C. Barrett as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Moderator appointed the following nominating committee to recommend three members on the Executive committee: G. P. Abernethy, I. T. Newton and J. O. Allen.

Rev. J. A. Hoyle submitted the following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Your committee beg leave to make the following report. We find our loss by death in the last year is 54, and may be more. We regret that we cannot mention all by name, or give an outline of their christian life, as the letters do not tell.

Belmont Church

Belmont lost three of her most worthy members: Bros. James P. Stowe died January 22, 1916, aged 71. He served as deacon 35 years. Was a faithful delegate to our associations. We miss his presence here today. But his church will miss him more. He was a regular attendant, and liberal in all departments of church work. He gave nearly $2,000 on their new house of worship. This and many other gifts was made by him to his Master's cause.

Bro. R. M. Gaston died February 22, 1916, age, we suppose about 65 years. He joined Flint Hill Baptist church in 1880, and became a member of Fellowship church, now Belmont. He was a faithful member, and served both as deacon and church clerk for 25 years.

Sister Elizabeth Wiley was born in Rutherford county in 1829, died October 2, 1916, aged 78 years. She had been a consistent member for nearly 40 years. Thus as one of God's chosen she journied 40 years in this wilderness of sin before she reached the promised home beyond the cold Jordan stream of death.

Bethel Church

Bethel has lost two members: Sister Susan Dellinger died Dec. 1915. She had been a member 40 years, having joined the church in early life. She was truly a mother in Israel. She has been missed by her family, her neighbors and her church.

Bro. Raymond Wilson joined the church and was baptized in August 1913. He lived a consistent life, and was a useful member until God called him home. He was only 22 years old.

Gastonia First

Gastonia First Baptist church has lost eight members:

Sister Allgood, aged about 55. She was a good woman, a loyal Baptist, lived a consistent christian and died in the faith.

Sister Blanton, was also a devoted christian and loyal Baptist, and did what she could. She was about 40 years old.

Sister, C. B. Craig, aged 35, was also a faithful worker in the church, but now rests from her labors here, and enjoying her treasures laid up above.

Sister Merrill, aged about 40 years, was a true, tried Christian woman. Like Mary of old, she chose that good part and has gone to enjoy it.

Sister Caylor was about 70 years old. She had been a laborer in the Vineyard of the Lord for many years, and now rests from her labors.

Bro. John D. Smith was one of the oldest members in the church, aged about 75 years. Then Bro. A. J. Smith aged 55 years and Bro. Rufus Fife aged 63 years. These brethren came, lived among us, and have gone to their rewards.

East Gastonia

East Gastonia lost six good, loyal members. Sorry we cannot mention them in detail. They are as follows: Bro. John Hawkins, age 22, Sister Ellen D. Penley, age 35. Sister Fannie Alice Long, age 27, Sister Ross Guye, age 26, Sister Cashion, age 28, and Sister Doras Elmore, age 20. These all died in the faith.

Loray Church

Loray lost four members by death. They are: Sister Vina Arawood, Sister Hulda Eaker, Brother Robert L. Smith and Bro. W. A. Style. These were all faithful and beloved members, and the church and homes greatly miss them.

McAdenville Church

This church has been called upon to give up one of its most faithful members, Sister Mollie D. Hansell Abernethy, wife of Deacon Laban Abernethy, known and read of all who love the cause in this Association. She was born March 7, 1879, died Apr. 16, 1916.

Sister Abernethy was actively identified with every good word and work of her church, neighborhood, home. All through life she labored, despite physical infirmities, and is an example in the service of the Lord. We thank God for lending her to us, and for her sweet memory and christian example.

Sandy Plains

Sandy Plains church also mourns the loss of one of its fellowship. Sister Laura Jane Huffman was called from her earthly labors to that rest prepared for all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in her 25th year. She professed faith and was baptized in early life, and was ever faithful, even unto death.

Maiden Church

Bro. George M. Taylor was born May 1, 1850, died May 6, 1916, aged 66 years and 5 days. Bro. Taylor joined the church in Burke county many years ago, and joined this church by letter and was a worthy member and faithful worker until he was called from his labors here to the rest above.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off—Hebrew 11-13.

J. A. HOYLE,

The report was briefly discussed by J. A. Hoyle and then adopted.

The nominating committee submitted the following:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee nominates as three members of the Executive Committee for three years: F. M. Huggins, J. W. Whitley and W. W. Rimmer. Those for one year being H. B. Moore, J. D. Elliott, J. Yates Killian. Those for two years being J. D. Harte, R. F. Craig, T. J. Ramseur.

G. P. ABERNETHY,
I. T. NEWTON,
J. O. ALLEN,
Committee.

By motion the report of the committee was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following to write

REPORTS FOR NEXT SESSION

Foreign Missions—J. D. Harte.
State Missions—C. C. Wheeler.
Home Missions—W. C. Barrett.
Woman's Work—J. A. Snow.
B. Y. P. U.—J. W. Whitley.
Sunday Schools—G. P. Abernethy.
Biblical Recorder—F. M. Huggins.
Education—I. T. Newton.
Ministerial Relief—J. S. Connell.
Obituaries—J. D. Moose.
Digest of Letters—S. T. Gaddy.

By motion the Clerk was instructed to insert Executive Committee's report, if furnished in time.

(No one furnished it.—Clerk.)

By motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with

After song, "Bless be the tie that binds," the Moderator declared the Association adjourned to meet in its next annual session with the church which shall be designated by the Executive Committee, Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1917 at 11 a. m. Prayer by W. C. Barrett.

OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator.
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Gain		Loss						
	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	By Letter	Exclusion	Death	Males	Females	Membership
Alexis	5	3		8		1	48	62	110
Amity	5	2		4			35	35	70
Belmont First	13	22	1	21		4	103	123	226
Bethel		3	1	3		2	31	48	79
Brookford	5	11		18	2	1	26	56	82
Bruington	8	4		3		1	54	60	114
Catawba		1					29	49	78
Cedar Grove				1			32	46	78
Center View	7	22		1			32	28	60
Corinth	1		1	5	2	1	42	81	123
Dallas	4	10	1	9	4		67	85	152
Denver		3		2	2		13	19	32
East Belmont	17	93		16	2		63	106	179
East Gastonia	53	49	6	29	8	5	174	265	439
Faith	2	3					21	12	33
Gastonia First	39	37		33		8	165	253	418
Hickory First	22	22	1	26	1	1	125	198	323
Hickory Grove	4	3	3	8		1	77	81	158
Highland	6	7		8		1	37	64	101
High Shoals		2		37			33	66	99
Kidds Chapel			1	4			22	41	63
Lawings Chapel	6			8	1		66	75	141
Leonards Fork	12	2				1	40	87	127
Lincolnton Ave.	4	19		7	1		68	199	168
Lincolnton First	31	20	4	32		2	104	148	252
Long Creek	9	5	1	15			99	188	287
Long Shoals		2		4			6	42	48
Loray	54	85	4	41	4	4	125	123	348
Lowell		19	2	9	1	3	49	73	122
Lucia	2			2			22	24	46
Macedonia	6	1		6	1	1	81	109	190
Maiden	4	28		5		1	89	112	201
Mayworth		17		2	2		22	32	54
McAdenville	19	6	1	15		2	110	136	246
Mtn. Grove	2		1	3		2	34	35	69
Mtn. View		5		2			35	50	85
Mt. Holly	32	35		30	7	2	113	160	273
Mt. Ruhama	4	3	1	25	6	1	87	110	197
Mt. Zion	1	1	4	11			65	87	152
Newton		25	1	16	4		68	89	157
Olivet	11	5		29		2	87	98	185
Penelope		7		6			19	25	44
Providence II	4	6					28	61	89
Piney Grove		1		2			29	44	73
River View	73	4		12		1	50	88	138
Salem	6	4		6		4	48	71	119
Sandy Plains	15			16		1	50	77	127
Sharon				2			22	38	60
Spencer Mtn.	2	3		1	2	1	29	53	82
Startown							5	11	16
Thessalonica							6	16	22
Tuckasege	9	8		11	3		47	36	84
Warlicks	4	1		2			23	88	111
Webb's Chapel	17	3		2	1		29	27	56
West Hickory	5	10		22	3	1	78	118	196
TOTAL	523	622	34	580	57	55	3062	4409	7471

Hebron and Reepsville last year reported 143 members.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidental Expenses	S. School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Totals
Alexis	75 00	5 00	1 55	15 00		70	2 75	100 00
Amity	40 00	70 00		3 00		50		113 50
Belmont First	1000 00	281 05	412 43	110 82	9 20	2 00		1815 50
Bethel	75 00		8 50	4 50		1 00		89 00
Brookford	150 00	15 00	17 47	34 93		1 00	52 45	270 85
Bruington	190 00	10 00	78 00	25 07		1 60		304 67
Catawba	125 00		6 25					131 25
Cedar Grove	125 00			11 10		50	4 17	140 77
Center View	50 00	550 00		9 33		70	10 00	620 03
Corinth	125 00			7 00		50		132 50
Dallas	500 00	945 72	155 50	40 92		2 00	79 75	1723 89
Denver	75 00		6 00			75	49 86	131 61
East Belmont	224 25	521 15	428 11	78 47	39 55	1 70	286 80	1580 13
East Gastonia	1185 00	786 78	107 60	221 42	46 98	3 00	408 46	2754 24
Faith	50 00		15 70	3 16		50		69 36
Gastonia First	2100 00		487 68	201 50	31 55	3 00	984 51	3808 24
Hickory First	1560 00		627 96	386 10	70 00	5 00	786 86	3433 92
Hickory Grove	185 59		12 87	30 00	3 75	75	52 50	285 46
Highland	200 00	311 17	33 00	30 87	11 74	80	32 00	619 58
High Shoals	200 00		21 78	59 63		1 20	71 10	353 71
Kidds Chapel	75 00	4 00	1 50	3 00		70		84 20
Lawings Chapel	105 25		1 63	10 00		1 30	12 50	130 68
Leonards Fork	100 00		35 00			1 05		136 05
Lincolnton Ave.	152 55	100 00	50 00	100 25		1 70		404 50
Lincolnton First	1000 00	136 82	410 00	104 62	29 66	3 00	128 00	1812 10
Long Creek	300 00		40 00	146 19		1 00		487 19
Long Shoals	60 00			8 00		50		68 50
Loray	1050 00	178 01	161 91	112 96	50 00	3 00	158 70	1714 58
Lowell	292 23		18 57	139 99	7 00	1 20	15 00	473 99
Lucia	80 85							80 85
Macedonia	111 00					75	26 91	138 66
Maiden	208 85	36 00	36 00	83 70	25 00	3 00	35 00	426 85
Mayworth	104 93			33 91		1 20	85 91	225 95
McAdenville	346 65	250 00	32 94	277 96		1 60	54 44	963 59
Mtn. Grove	100 00					1 00	23 00	124 00
Mtn. View	100 00	26 40		39 60		50		166 50
Mt. Holly	882 65	637 74	317 35	207 33		3 00	7 20	2055 27
Mt. Ruhama	134 10		20 00			1 40		155 50
Mt. Zion	125 00			4 08		50	25 75	155 33
Newton	465 00	249 00	281 52	79 66	10 00	5 00	62 00	1152 18
Olivet	380 00	108 00	12 00	65 00			85 25	650 25
Penelope	100 00		3 00			1 50		104 55
Providence II	100 00	2 85	2 85	3 42		90	17 50	127 52
Piney Grove	75 00		4 00	7 74		1 20		87 94
River View	154 75	150 00	5 75	47 98		1 60	16 55	376 63
Salem	37 35					30	10 00	107 85
Sandy Plains	200 00	300 00	3 00		2 31	2 00	30 00	537 31
Sharon				3 00				3 00
Spencer Mtn.	186 35			41 00		75	11 60	239 70
Startown	110 00	2 50				50		113 00
Thessalonica						25	24 10	24 35
Tuckasege	50 75	13 18	50	105 29		1 40		171 12
Warlicks	60 00		35 00	10 00		40		105 40
Webb's Chapel	50 00	200 00		5 37		60	15 28	271 25
West Hickory	310 50	678 35	18 90	48 85	20 20	1 00	36 00	1113 80
Mt. Beulah						50		50
Total	15903 60	6568 72	3911 82	2961 72	356 94	71 70	3696 90	33468 50

Hebron and Reepsville make no report.

NAME OF CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday S. Missions	Orphanage	Colleges & Schools	Christian Education	Minister's Relief	TOTAL
Alexis	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00				23 00
Amity	2 00		1 00		1 00			50	4 50
Belmont First	82 17	79 69	74 14		62 64		28 94	8 18	435 76
Bethel	3 00	1 50		50	2 00			1 00	8 00
Brookford	14 60	12 37	15 38		20 10	2 50	2 50		67 45
Bruington	18 63	10 00	10 00	2 89	44 47	5 00	7 00	6 25	104 24
Catawba	3 75	3 75							7 50
Cedar Grove	4 20	50	1 56	4 35	2 01	2 85			15 47
Center View		3 59	4 08					3 11	10 78
Corinth	5 00	2 00	2 00		2 00			1 45	12 45
Dallas	68 50	40 80	67 00	4 00	108 36	18 50	6 00	8 00	321 16
Denver	5 00	2 50	2 50		12 00				22 00
East Belmont	10 38	13 25	13 25		115 58	6 50		10 00	168 96
East Gastonia	222 25	36 22	69 44		201 65		15 00		564 56
Faith		1 00	2 10		50			50	4 25
Gastonia First	316 62	221 27	827 30	38 94	439 90	96 10	100 59	29 59	2070 31
*Hebron									
Hickory First	348 63	121 22	463 10		189 00	39 13	49 21	12 17	1223 46
Hickory Grove		10 00	30 00	5 00	20 00			2 28	67 28
Highland	10 90	10 00	10 00		19 70				50 60
High Shoals	42 50	24 16	29 89		50 61		2 50	2 50	152 16
Kidds Chapel	2 00		50		11 00				13 50
L'w'gs Chape	7 85	8 00	9 95		4 28				30 08
Leonard's Fork	8 00	5 00	5 00		5 00			2 80	25 80
Lincolnton Ave	10 37	2 70	3 15		4 96				21 18
Lincolnton 1st.	76 51	68 00	124 00	3 50	255 44	43 50	10 00	10 00	590 95
Long Creek	21 92	5 00	15 00		40 48				82 40
Long Shoals	5 50						12 00		17 50
Loray	86 78	77 25	102 36	10 00	137 00	44 60	15 00	5 00	477 99
Lowell	16 11	3 14			28 82			4 70	52 77
Lucia					5 06				5 06
Macedonia	30	4 23	1 73		4 81			1 30	12 37
Maiden	13 50	7 00	10 43	5 00	5 00	9 00	2 50	6 25	58 68
Mayworth	10 40	2 60	2 10		4 00				19 10
McAdenville	5 00	16 40	25 00						46 40
Mtn. Grove	14 75	6 35	2 34		9 29		2 93	2 75	38 41
Mtn. View	3 00	2 00			2 00				7 00
†Mt. Beulah									
Mt. Holly	85 44	38 30	24 65		139 09	15 00			302 47
Mt. Ruhama		5 35			6 00				11 35
Mt. Zion	9 00	18 00	18 00		11 00				56 00
Newton	50 00	24 10	29 07		38 06	9 25			150 48
Olivet	37 66	37 66	37 67		39 88	5 00	5 00	5 25	168 12
Penelope	97	4 02	7 89		5 97			1 74	20 11
Providence	5 41	2 00	4 00		4 00			1 00	16 41
Piney Grove	5 20	1 25	1 50		1 50				9 45
*Reepsville									
River View	10 09	4 33	5 97		26 64	4 80	34 31	4 86	91 00
Salem	10 00	6 85	4 80						21 65
Sandy Plains	8 10	6 00	6 00		15 60				35 70
Sharon	1 62	1 75	3 19		1 01		98	50	9 05
Spencer Mtn.	4 35	16 91	7 00	1 35	18 50	3 50		1 90	53 51
Startown	0 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	5 00		1 00	1 00	28 00
Thessalonica	1 97	75	63		1 51		1 35	74	6 95
Tuckasege									
Warlicks	4 00		1 00		5 00				10 00
Webbs Chapel	4 22	1 25	3 39		2 70				11 57
West Hickory	13 65	8 00	5 00		10 76				37 39
TOTAL	1706 77	996 02	2214 06	81 53	2145 55	305 23	299 66	135 32	7884 14

*Not Represented. †New Church.

NAME OF CHURCHES	When Organized	NAME OF PASTORS	Seating Capacity	Value of Church Property	Sundays of Preaching	Church Clerks and Addresses
Alexis	1903	W. B. McClure	400	$ 1500	2 S.	C. W. Abernethy, Alexis
Amity	1905	A. W. Setzer	300	400	2, 2:30	J. S. McAlister, Lincolnton
Belmont First	1874	F. M. Huggins	400	9500	Ev. S.	Oscar Armstrong, Belmont
Bethel	1895	J. A. Hoyle	500	500	1 S.	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton
Brookford	1907	Rush Padgett	300	2000	2, 4 S.	David Foster, Hickory, R-1
Bruington	1853	W. W. Rimmer	400	1200	3 S.	A. C. Taylor, Stanley
Catawba	1875	J. S. Connell	500	3500	1 S.	D. L. Wike, Catawba
Cedar Grove	1912	J. A. Snow	300	500	2, 4 S.	A. C. Michael, Newton, R-3
Center View	1914	L. R. Williams			not G.	J. F. Hovis, Maiden R-1
Corinth	1855	B. C. Morris	500	700	4 S.	G. W. Hood, Reepsville
Dallas	1877	I. T. Newton	800	9600	2, 4 S.	J. R. Lewis, Dallas
Denver	1914	M. A. Adams			1 S.	H. N. Abernethy, Denver
East Belmont	1912	R. G. Mace	600	3000	Ev. S.	W. L. Chapman, Belmont
East Gastonia	1901	J. W. Whitley	600	10000	Ev. S.	M. T. Saunders, Gastonia
Faith	1906	W. B. McClure	300	1200	1 S.	B. E. Ballard, Iron Station
Gastonia First	1884	W. C. Barrett	600	25000	Ev. S.	J. M. Shuford, Gastonia
Hickory First	1870	J. D. Harte	1000	25000	Ev. S.	J. R. Hosley, Hickory
Hickory Grove	1973	W. B. McClure	400	2000	4 S.	J. F. Abernethy, Mt. Holly
Highland	1912	Rush Padgett	350	2500	2, 4 S.	W. T. Harris, Hickory
High Shoals	1902	J. D. Moose	450	2000	2 S.	M. C. Dellinger, High Shoals
Kidds Chapel	1872	M. A. Adams	300	1000	3 S.	W. A. Pool, Iron Station
Lawings Chapel	1907	L. R. Williams	400	1200	4 S.	D. C. Lawing, Maiden
Leonards Fork	1882	C. C. Wheeler	300	800	2 S.	W. H. Hoover, Crouse
Lincolnton Ave.	1911	W. W. Rimmer	300	700	4 S.	J. A. Armstrong, Lincolnton
Lincolnton First	1859	C. C. Wheeler	300	8000	Ev. S.	W. L. Mustain, Lincolnton
Long Creek	1772	C. M. Robinson	500	2000	2, 4 S.	A. R. Holland, Dallas
Long Shoals		B. E. Morris	300	800	2 S.	R. Bergin Gates, Lincolnton
Loray	1905	G. P. Abernethy	700	7000	Ev. S.	W. F. Riddle, Gastonia
Lowell	1892	I. T. Newton	400	1500	1, 3 S.	Jake Hendrix, Lowell
Lucia		W. B. McClure	400	1200	3 S.	U. B. McIntosh, Mt. Holly
Macedonia	1869	W. B. McClure	400	1000	1 S.	W. W. Lawing, Lincolnton
Maiden	1891	L. R. Williams	400	1500	1, 3 S.	Ed Williams, Maiden
Mayworth	1911	R. E. Vipperman			4 S.	R. H. Nuttall, Mayworth
McAdenville	1887	R. E. Vipperman	400	2500	1,2,3 S	Labe Abernethy, McAdenville
Mtn. Grove	1881	A. W. Setzer	400	1500	not R.	G. F. Huffman, Hickory
Mtn. View	1853	L. R. Williams	350	850	2 S.	M. D. Gilleland, Maiden
Mt. Beulah	1916	I. T. Newton			newC.	C. L. Biggerstaff, Crouse
Mt. Holly	1890	W. G. Moore	600	2700	Ev. S.	Allen Kale, Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama	1816	W. W. Rimmer	400	1500	2 S.	Tate H. Caldwell, Newton, R-2
Mt. Zion	1869	R G. Mace	300	1000	3 S.	L. A. McClure, Alexis
Newton	1882	I. A. Snow	800	10000	Ev. S.	J. W. Hollingsworth, Newton
Olivet	1833	J. S. Connell	500	3000	2, 4 S.	J. T. Ervin, Catawba
Penelope	1888	A. W. Setzer	300	1500	1 S.	Thos. Hildebran, Hickory
Piney Grove	1904	J. A. Snow	400	800	1 S.	Lee Setzer, Newton, R-2
Providence II	1878	C E. Beaver	300	500	4 S.	R. L. Asherbraner, Henry, R-2
Reepsville	1899	Not Reported	250	500		Miss Lena Wethers, Reepsville
River View	1897	W. W. Rimmer	300	1000	1 S.	H. L. Thorneburg, Lincolnton
Salem	1847	B. E. Morris	400	600	3 S.	C. F. Clanton, Lincolnton
Sandy Plains	1863	J. W. Whitley	400	900	2, 4 S.	N. A. Jenkins, Gastonia
Sharon	1854	A. W. Setzer	500	500	2 S.	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station
Spencer Mtn.	1909	I. T. Newton	200	500	1 S.	W. G. Flowers, Lowell
Startown	1896	J. A. Snow	300	400	4 S.	J Yates Killian Newton,
Thessalonica	1830	A. W. Setzer	300	200	4 S.	W. P. Rhoney, Newton
Tuckasege	1911	W. B. McClure	300	1000	4, 2:30	C. F. Lowe, Mt. Holly
Warlicks	1875	O. A. Abee	500	1500	1 S.	A. J. Cook, Hickory, R-4
Webb's Chapel	1892	G. E. Rhyne	200	700	3 S.	F. B. Carpenter, Crouse
West Hickory	1907	L. P. Smith	400	2500	Ev. S.	J. R. Pierce, West Hickory

Hebron was not Reported.

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Office	N. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Ch. Mem. in S. S.	No. Months Kept Open	Baptisms From S. S.
Alexis	W. F. Huggins, Alexis	1					12	5
Amity	J. S. McAlister, Lincolnton	1	5	55	55		6	
Belmont First	W. J. Francis, Belmont	1	14	176	190	159	12	13
Bethel	J. L. Navey, Lincolnton	1	6	56	62		9	
Brookford	C. E. Reynolds, Brookford	1	9	100	109		12	3
Bruington	J. P. Calloway, Stanley	1	7	78	85	40	12	
Cedar Grove	A. C. Michael, Newton, R-3	1	6	30	36	21	12	
Center View	W. M. Turbyfill, Maiden	1	7	102	109	54	12	6
Corinth	C. O. Richey, Henry	1	6	48	54		12	
Dallas	P. D. Summey, Dallas	1	10	86	96	54	12	1
Denver	C. L. McCaul, Denver	1	4	30	34	16	12	
East Belmont	W. L. Chapman, Belmont	1	17	339	356	100	12	17
East Gastonia	C. B. Newton, Gastonia	1	12	500	512	300	12	61
Faith	H. B Jones, Alexis	1	6	44	50	18	9	1
Gastonia First	W. J. Clifford, Gastonia	1	20	384	404		12	39
Hickory First	J. D. Elliott, Hickory	1	26	304	330	150	12	21
Hickory Grove	T. A. Lineberger, Lowell	1	9	84	93	57	12	4
Highland	W. S. Robinson, Hickory	1	8	199	207	45	12	5
High Shoals	W. R. Rhyne, High Shoals	1	9	128	137	70	12	
Kidds Chapel	W. A. Poole, Iron Station	1	6	30	36	21	9	
Lawings Chapel	J. A. Huitt, Lincolnton	1	8	81	89	45	12	6
Lincolnton Ave	J. L. M. Caldwell, Lincolnton	1	8	163	171	60	12	
Lincolnton First	J. O. Allen, Lincolnton	1	11	124	135	75	12	21
Long Creek	F. M. Pasour, Dallas	1	8	117	125	40	12	7
Long Shoals	Burgin Gates, Lincolnton	1	6	34	40	10	12	
Loray	L. J. Waldrop, Gastonia	1	15	425	440	225	12	40
Lowell	Jacob Hendrix, Lowell	1	11	147	158	47	12	
Macedonia	Walter Potts, Lincolnton	1	10	86	96	41	12	1
Maiden	C. B. Garrett, Maiden	1	11	207	218	125	12	1
Mayworth	T. V. Morris, Mayworth	1	9	91	100	25	12	
McAdenville	Laban Abernethy McAdenville	1	14	370	384	140	12	
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckard, Hickory, R-1	1	6	57	63	20	12	2
Mtn. View	M. O. Gilleland, Maiden	1	7	102	109	45	12	
Mt. Holly	O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly	1	12	129	141	80	12	19
Mt. Ruhama	T. H. Caldwell, Newton, R-2	1	11	150	161	60	12	4
Mt. Zion	J. H. McClure, Alexis	1	7	65	72	32	12	1
Newton	S. T. Gaddy, Newton	1	13	152	165		12	
Olivet	Osborne Brown, Long Island	1	14	196	210	141	12	3
Penelope	Jno. S. Hildebran, Hickory	1	6	54	60	20	12	
Piney Grove	Lee Setzer, Newton R-2	1	6	65	71		9	
Providence II	J. F. Huffman, Henry R-2	1	5	55	60	20	9	4
River View	A. L. Cline, Southside	1	6	173	179		12	9
Salem	O. G. Hill, Lincolnton	1	5	50	20		9	3
Sandy Plains	J. L. Featherstone, Lowell	1	10	98	108	60	12	13
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station	1	5	58	63	26	6	
Spencer Mtn.	J. W. Wilkins, Lowell	1	9	132	141		12	2
Startown	B. L. Smith, Newton	1	5	45	50	13	12	
Tuckasege	J. H. Martin, Mt. Holly	1	8	47	55		12	
Warlicks	Walter Finger Connelly Springs	1	7	72	79	20		4
Webbs Chapel	J. B. Summey, Lincolnton	1	6	76	82	17	12	10
West Hickory	J. D. Greene, Hickory	1	11	178	189		12	3
	Total	51	456	8567	9023	2492		329

NOTE—No Report from Catawba, Hebron, Leonards Fork, Reepsville, Thessalonica, Lucia and Mt. Beulah.—Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer of South Fork Institute submitted the following Annual Report:

Receipts:

To balance on hand, Oct. 16, 1915		$ 19.92
1916 Oct. 25. To cash from churches and indiv'ls to date		627.96
Total Receipts		647.88

Disbursements:

May 15.	By cash to M. A. Adams from Nov. 16, 1915 to May 15, 1916	$455.75		
June 16.	By cash to Beach		2.10	
"	"	Maiden Bank	12.00	
Sept. 18.	"	P. E. Downs	50.00	
" 21	"	I. T. Newton	1.75	
" 28	"	Shuford Hdw. Co.	11.02	
" 28	"	Piedmont Co.	10.00	
Oct. 4	"	W. W. Kimball Co.	31.92	
" 4	"	C. B. Garrett	34.42	
" 24	"	Smyre Hardware Co.	25.00	
	Total Disbursements		633.96	
To balance on hand, Oct. 25, 1916				13.94

Present Indebtedness

Due Dr. T. W. Long's Estate	$ 500.00
" A. C. Cloninger	200.00
" Elliott Building Company	140.80
" Shuford Nat'l Bank, 2 notes	646.00
" First Nat'l Bank, Hickory	52.55
" One year's interest	92.38
" P. E. Downs, Salary	75.00
" Miscellaneous expense to opening school	104.16
Total Indebtedness	1810.89

OSBORNE BROWN, Sec.-Treas.

Note:—This report came in too late to get in proper place—Clerk.

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MINUTES

of the

Thirty-Ninth Annual Session

of the

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With the
NEWTON CHURCH
Newton, N. C.

October 31st, November 1st
1917

The next session meets with Belmont First church on Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in October, 1918 At 11:00 O'clock A. M.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of ten members, three from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. Nine members shall be elected at this session, one from each section of the Association to serve one year, one from each section for two years, one from each section for three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of each session a Committee of three who shall nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October at 11 A. M. The annual sermon to be preached at such time as each session shall determine.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be—Meet at 9:00 A. M., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Moderator ---------- Osborne Brown, Long Island, N. C.
Vice-Moderator ---------- H. B. Moore, Gastonia, N, C.
Clerk ----------J. F. Click, Hickory, N. C.
Treasurer ----------J. O. Allen, Lincolnton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1 year)	(2 years)	(3 years)
W. R. Bradshaw	F. M. Huggins	W. G. Moore
R. F. Craig	J. W. Whitley	J. D. Elliott
T. J. Ramsaur	W. W. Rimmer	J. Yates Killian

ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. P. Abernethy, Gastonia, N. C.
J. M. Ballard, Alexis, N. C.
P. W. Bangle, Lincolnton, N. C.
W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C.
W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory, N. C.
C. E. Beaver, Maiden, N. C.
J. S. Connell, Catawba, N. C.
H M. Croom, Catawba, N. C.
P. A. Hicks, Wake Forest, N. C.
I. M. Hildebran, Hickory, N. C.
J. A. Hoyle, Maiden, N C.
F. M. Huggins, Belmont, N. C.
R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C
W. B. McClure, Alexis, N. C.
W. G. Moore, Mt. Holly, N C.
P. E Morris, Maiden, N. C.
.I. T. Newton, Dallas, N. C.
C. Q. Rhyne, Gastonia, N. C.
J. B. Pruitt, Hckory, N. C.
Rush Padgett, McAdenville, N. C
G. E. Rhyne, Gastonia, N. C.
W. W. Rimmer, Lincolnton, N. C.
A. W. Setzer, Maiden, N. C.
L. P. Smith, Hickory, N. C.
J. A. Snow, Newton, N. C.
C. C. Wheeler, Lincolnton, N. C.
J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.
L. R. Williams, Maiden, N. C.
H. B. Chronister, Lincolnton, N. C.
D. F. Putnam, Cherryville, N. C.
Elliott R. Stewart, Louisville, Ky.
E. H. Mullis, Belmont, N. C.
J. R. Gheens, Belmont, N. C.
R. L. Smith, Stanley, N. C.
B. H Laughridge, Maiden, N. C.
Vance Heavner, Hickory, R. 1.
J. L. Vipperman, Dallas, N. C.
S. A Stroup, Lincolnton, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS

FIRST—Belmont, Dallas, Gastonia, East Gastonia, South Gastonia, Loray, McAdenville, Mayworth, Lowell, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek, Sandy Plains, High Shoals, Tuckasege.

SECOND—Lincolnton, Lincolnton Avenue, Sharon, Salem, Mt. Zion, Kidd's Chapel, River View, Long Shoals, Bethel, Leonard's Fork, Alexis, Lucia, Faith, Lawing's Chapel, Denver, Center View, Mt. Beulah.

THIRD—Hickory, Highland, Corinth, Newton, Maiden, Cedar Grove, Piney Grove, Catawba, Olivet, Providence I, Providnece II, Thessalonica, Reepsville, Mtn. Grove, Penelope, Startown, Warlick's Chapel, Amity, West Hickory, Brookford.

The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS

South Fork Baptist Association met in its thirty-ninth annual session with Newton Baptist Church, Catawba county at 11 A. M. Wednesday, Oct. 31st, 1917.

After greetings by the pastor of Newton church, Rev. J. A. Snow, and song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and prayer led by Rev. M. L. Kestler, the annual sermon was preached by Rev. F. M. Huggins.

His subject was: "The Unchanging Christ." Text: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever."—Heb. 13:8. A good, timely sermon.

After the sermon and prayer, led by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, the Moderator, Osborne Brown, called the Association together for the transaction of business.

The roll of churches was called and delegates present enrolled together with those reporting later, as follows:

Alexis—W. F. Huggins, J. M. Ballard, S. M. Stroup and A. S. Ballard.

Amity—G. F. Williams and S. M. Ballard.

Belmont, First—M. W. Sanford, James Hagerty and F. M. Huggins.

Bethel—W. C. Mullen and H. C. Harrell.

Brookford—C. P. Edwards.

Bruington—T. C. Smith and E. J. Mauney.

Catawba—H. M. Croom.

Cedar Grove—R. C. Michael, J. A. Whitener and John Beach.

Center View—J. P. Drum, J. S. Abernethy and Walter Laney.

Corinth—R. P. Havner.

Cherryville—not represented by letter or delegates.

Dallas—W. E. Rhyne, P. D. Summey and R. S. Lewis.

Denver—Represented by letter, no delegates reported.

East Belmont—Banes Brown, D. A. Chapman and Rev. R. L. Smith.

East Gastonia—C. B. Newton, G. C. Moss, M. T. Saunders and J. W. Whitley.

Faith—Represented by letter, no delegates enrolled.

Gastonia, First—J. M. Shuford, H. B. Moore and W. C. Barrett

Hickory, First—J. D. Elliott, J. W. Elliott, J. F. Click, W. R. Bradshaw, O. C. Cloninger, Thos. P. Pruett and R. M. Perry.

Hickory Grove—T. A. Lineberger, L. M. Mountgomery and F. L. Abernethy.

Highland—O. T. Rockett, W. P. Smith and E. M. Suggs.

High Shoals—A. S. Kendrick and R. L. Hull.

Lawings' Chapel—Samuel Bandy, G. S. Whisnant and R. H. Lochridge.

Leonard's Fork—T. J. Hoover.

Lincolnton Avenue—W. W. Rimmer.

Lincolnton First—C. C. Wheeler, J. O. Allen, D. P. Putnam, T. J. Ramsaur and P. W. Bangle.

Long Creek—T. S. Summey, A. M. Harwell and Miss Edna Stone.

Long Shoals—G. W. Stroup and Frank Reep.

Loray—P. P. Clanton, J. L. Alexander, G. P. Abernethy and Gray Weaver.

Lowell—A. E. Teague, J. H. Crouse, J. P. Kimbrough and C. Q. Rhyne.

Lucia—Not represented by letter or delegates.

Macedonia—J. P. Armstrong, G. D. Armstrong and James Norwood.

Maiden—J. A. Hoyle, L. R. Williams, and H. B. Chronister.

Mayworth—H. W. Skidmore, W. D. Penington.

McAdenville—Labe Abernethy and T. P. Skidmore.

Mt. Beulah—E. H. Biggerstaff, J. S. Abernethy, and J. A. Ramsey.

Mt. Holly—S. J. Skidmore, W. G. Moore, W. W. Skidmore and Ed. McGinnis.

Mt. Ruhama—T. L. Crouse, Rans Campbell, W. M. Caldwell, and T. H. Caldwell.

Mt. Zion—M. H. Nance, and L. S. Hager.

Mtn. Grove—A. W. Setzer, Calvin Baker, J. B. Rockett, J. F. Abernethy.

Mtn. View—M. O. Gilleland and Fred Litten.

Newton—S. T. Gaddy, J. F. Hawkins, J. A. Snow, Mrs. J. Y. Killian and A. L. Ervin.

Olivet—J. T. Ervin, I. A. Litten, Everet Martin and W. W. Ervin.

Penelope—I. M. Hildebrand.

Providence II—C. E. Beaver, and T. S. Abee.

Piney Grove— W. H. Drum.

Reepsville—John Helms.

River View—W. H. Caldwell, S. Williams, and A. L. Cline.

Salem—J. W. P. Hill, Cleveland Harrill, Sam Hovis and C. M. White.

Sandy Plains—Elija Pryor, J. C. Millen, S. G. McAlister, and Bert Beatty.

Sharon—Eugene Hovis and Horace Dellinger.

South Gastonia—J. R. Broom, W. P. Glover and W. A. Hough.

Startown—Mrs. Geo. Thornburg and Mrs. W. E. Wilson.

Thessalonica—W. P. Rhoney, D. H. Ramseur and A. W. Setzer, pastor.

Tuckaseege—By letter only.

Warlicks—Stanley Berry.

Webbs Chapel—W. A. Summey.

West Hickory—L. P. Smith.

There being fifty-three churches present, by motion, the Association proceeded to organize for the incoming year.

The Moderator called Rev. C. C. Wheeler to the chair who presided during the election of Moderator.

In the usual way, the officers were elected as follows: Mod-

erator, Osborne Brown; Vice-Moderator, H. B. Moore; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, J. O. Allen.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Order of Business: J. A. Snow, A. W. Setzer and J. W. Whitley.

The committee on Order of Business made a partial report as to evening session as follows:

1:30 to 2:15, Biblical Recorder.

2:15 to 3:00, Report on Orphanage.

3:00 to 3:30, Report on Ministers Relief.

By motion the above partial report was adopted.

By motion the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session

The Association re-assembled at 1:30 p. m.

Song: "How Firm a Foundation."

The Moderator calls the Association to order. Prayer led by Rev. A. W. Setzer.

The committee on Order of Business submitted the remainder of their report as follows:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:00 to 7:15—Devotional.
7:15 to 7:45—Food Conservation.
7:45 to 9:00—State Missions.
9:00 to 10:00—South Fork Institute.

THURSDAY MORNING
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9:45 to 10:00—Devotional.
10:00 to 11:00—Education.
11:00 to 12:00—Home Missions.
12:00 to 1:00—Dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:00 to 1:45—Woman's Work.
1:45 to 3:00—Foreign Missions.
3:00 to 3:15—Digest of Letters.
3:15 to 3:30—Obituaries.
3:30 to 4:00—Miscellaneous Business.

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:00 to 7:15—Devotional.
7:15 to 8:45—B. Y. P. U.
8:45 to 9:30—Sunday School.

The report was adopted.

By motion, the Moderator appointed a committee to wait on and ask Judge Carter, who was holding Court in Newton, to address the Association at the night session on the subject, "Food Conservation."

The Moderator appointed on that committee: J. A. Snow, W. R. Bradshaw and A. W. Setzer.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed to seats in the Association: Rev. M. L. Kestler, Supt. of Thomasville Or-

phanage; Rev. W. R. Beach, Representative of the Biblical Recorder; Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Mecklenberg and Cabarrus Association; W. A. Stephenson, of Caldwell Association; Rev. S. A. Stroup, of the South Mountain Association; and Rev. D. F. Putman, of Kings Mountain Association.

The Moderator gives an opportunity to any new church wishing to join this Body.

Bro. W. A. Hough read the following application from:

SOUTH GASTONIA CHURCH

On October 7th, 1917, at the call of W. A. Hough, missionary in South Gastonia, a presbytery, composed of W. C. Barrett, Moderator, J. W. Whitley, Secretary, G. P. Abernathy, W. A. Hough, and several of the deacons from the three Baptist churches in Gastonia, met in Clara Hall, and duly organized South Gastonia Baptist Church, with 49 members. After the members were received, they adopted articles of faith, covenant, and rules of order as given by Pendleton.

After having been declared a duly organized church by the presbytery, they elected officers as follows: W. A. Hough was called as pastor, G. H. Logan was elected Church Clerk, and J. R. Broom Treasurer. The following brethren were elected deacons: J.C. Ham, W. P. Glover, J. R. Broom, C. L. Conrad, and G. H. Logan.

On motion, the charter was left open for two weeks so that all who joined within that time would be charter members. During that time, 23 joined, 4 of whom were for baptism, making a charter membership of 73. Since that time, 6 others have joined, making a membership to date of 79.

The prospect of a large and interesting church in South Gastonia is exceedingly bright.

The Sunday school, under the efficient management of T. C. Smith, superintendent, and C. C. Cathey, secretary, is in a growing condition. Last Sunday there were 113 present, and prospects are that the attendance will reach 200 soon.

This church through her representatives present do now respectfully and humbly ask to be admitted as a member of South Fork Association.

Signed,

W. A. HOUGH,
W. P. GLOVER,
J. R. BROOM,
Committee.

By motion, the application was received, and referred to the following special committee: W. R. Bradshaw, J. A. Hoyle and A. W. Setzer.

The Clerk reports two letters with delegates from Thessalonica church.

By motion, a special committee was appointed to examine said letters and report. The committee appointed was: J. W. Whitley, J. T. Ervin and F. M. Huggins.

Rev. F. M. Huggins read the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder has had a very important part in the development of Baptist thought and life in North Carolina. The necessity for a Baptist newspaper was conceived by Thomas Meredith, and in 1833 he founded at Edenton a monthly paper known as the Baptist Interpreter. Two years later the paper was removed to New Bern and its name changed to Biblical Recorder. Later it was transferred to Raleigh from whence it has gone forth upon its weekly errands to teach and inspire and to lead our people in the great work, which, under God, we have been able to accomplish. So closely identified has been the Recorder with Baptist growth in our state that no historian can record our Baptist history without giving prominent mention to its great work. Every interest of the denomination has been fostered by it. Evangelism, missions, christian education, the orphanage, and Baptist doctrine have all received due and proportionate emphasis.

Not only has the Recorder been the friend and champion of our Baptist work, but it has given friendly and valuable assistance to all the great movements whose end have been economic justice, and social and civic righteousness. The temperance movement, the cause of the common schools, and other great movements have found the Recorder to be of valuable assistance.

Meantime it has maintained a high standard of literary excellence the equal of any of our religious periodicals.

And yet as valuable as the Recorder has been and is, it is a distressing fact that it is read by such a small per cent of our people. According to statistics compiled by the editor last January the following do not take the Recorder: 500 preachers; 1000 church clerks; 1000 Sunday school superintendents; 5000 deacons; 5000 Sunday school teachers; 500 entire churches; 50,000 Baptist homes and 200,000 individual church members.

In view of these facts the following resolution, furnished by the Recorder office, is appended: Be it resolved—First, That the South Fork Baptist Association, in keeping with like action of other Associations in the State, hereby agree to come to the hearty support of the Biblical Recorder in this critical time, and that we, both pastor and laymen, promise to take upon our hearts and in hand the work of putting the Recorder in the homes of our people.

Second: That we commend and urge the adoption of the plan recommended for the whole state, viz—that the pastor and deacons of every church in the Association secure at the earliest possible date a permanent Recorder committee, and the very best solicitor available, who will go to work to put the Recorder in every family possible in their church.

Third: That for the sake of the work at large we earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of the W. M. Societies, the Y. W. C. A.'s, the B. Y. P .U.'s and the S. S.'s in this every church movement for the increased circulation of the Biblical Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HUGGINS.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Rev. W. R. Beach.

The report was adopted.

Bro. W. J. Francis read the following:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

Of all the auspices for good in the bounds of the Batist State Convention, the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage occupies a unique position. We have come to realize that there is no common life within its walls. Indeed, the child of cultured parents stands on an equal position with the child of humble parentage. We have one of the best managed institutions of the kind in the whole South land. The influences thrown around it are the best that can be had. To see and to know the Orphanage and the work it is doing, is to be a loyal supporter of the cause for which it stands.

The physical, mental, moral and spiritual life are all developed at the same time. In view of these facts, we recommend the following:

1. That we lend our influence to the enlargement of the plant as need requires.
2. That we set aside one Sunday's collection in the Sunday school for its support.
3. That we have a club of subscribers in our Sunday schools.
4. That we urge all the members of our churches and Sunday schools to give One Day's Work at near Thanksgiving day.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. FRANCIS.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Rev. M. L. Kestler.

Report adopted.

The committee reports as follows on application of

SOUTH GASTONIA CHURCH:

We have examined the letter and know the ministers who composed the Presbytery that organized the South Gastonia church, and find it regular as to Baptist usage, and therefore, recommend that it be received as a member of this Association.

J. A. HOYLE,
A. W. SETZER,
W. R. BRADSHAW.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted, the church received, and the delegates given the hand of fellowship and the church and delegates enrolled in due order.

The committee appointed submitted the following:

REPORT ON THESALONICA CHURCH

We, your committee to make a recommendation in regard to the seating of delegates from the Thessalonica Baptist church, beg leave to submit the following:

That this Association seat the delegates from the body which

has been regularly represented in this body by delegates duly appointed in the conference from year to year and represented at this session, by W. P. Rhoney and D. H. Ramsaur as delegates, and A. W. Setzer, pastor.

Signed,
J. W. WHITLEY,
J. T. ERVIN,
F. M. HUGGINS.

The report adopted, and delegates as recommended seated.

The Moderator appointed a committee to nominate three members of the Executive Committee, as follows: J. T. Ervin, R. S. Lewis and C. C. Wheeler.

The following report was brought before the body and before it was adopted it was discussed by several of the brethren: H. B. Moore, W. C. Mullen, L. P. Smith, G. P. Abernethy, J. A. Hoyle, J. M. Shuford and others.

PASTOR'S SUPPORT AND OLD MINISTER'S RELIEF

Having in mind the supreme importance of the work of the ministry in building up and maintaining the spiritual, moral and mental welfare of our Master's cause in general, "let us lay aside every weight (of timidity) and the sin, (of failing to say what should be said,) and do vigorously the task that is set before us, looking to Jesus who called the men from the lucerative vocations of earth into the ministry."

God's word explicitly teaches that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel.

A glance at the reports of the churches of our Association last year will show that the pastors are having to look elsewhere for a support. The 53 churches reporting for pastor's salary $15,903.60 or an average of $300 per church is inadequate.

For the past two years the pastors have been on the firing line of food conservation, and the unsolvable problem before them is, that they have nothing to sell. For within this period every farmer who raises anything to sell, is getting twice as much for it as he did a few years ago. All manufacturing industries are getting twice the profits they did. While our pastors seem to be serving for approximately the same they did under the former conditions. This amount has just about one-half the purchasing power it had then. In other words it is tantamount to cutting his salary 50 per cent or placing him on half rations.

We ask therefore, (not on our own behalf) but on behalf of our modest brethren, that the churches consider these facts and see that the pastors pay is increased in proportion to the returns of the farmer's products, the cotton mill's products and other things, so that the pastor can live on the returns of his work.

We would recommend as a means to this end, the grouping of churches into fields, each co-operating with the other in the selection of a pastor.

Then, there are those veterans of the cross who have already

worn themselves out, and are now unable to gain a livelihood in the pastorate, because of age and infirmity; what are we doing for them? Last year the 28 churches co-operating in this part of the work, gave only $135.32 while if all the Baptists holding membership in this Association had given only 25 cents per capita, the amount would have been $1,867.75. Or should we have given only 5 cents per capita we would have received for this purpose $373, or very nearly three times as much as we did receive. We would calculate from this, that we gave on an average for this very worthy cause only 1 2-3 cents.

We would recommend that each church make a special effort next Christmas, and every Christmas, to redeem ourselves by making a more worthy showing than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. CONNELL,
For the committee.

The report was read and adopted.

The question when the Associational year should end so as to be able to make complete reports at session of Association, was discussed pro and con.

By motion, it was ordered that the Associational year hereafter end on the 2nd Sunday in October.

Rev. W. W. Rowe, pastor of Newton Reformed church, was welcomed to a seat in this session of the Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on place and preacher for next session: H. B. Moore, W. W. Ervin and C. M. Croom.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 7:15 p. m.

Prayer led by Rev. C. C. Wheeler.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association met at 7:15 p. m.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. F. Huggins. He read the 150th Psalm. Song—"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Prayer by Rev. W. C. Barrett.

The Moderator calls the Association to order. Prayer led by Rev. W. W. Rowe of the Reformed church.

As agreed in the afternoon session, the question of "Food conservation" was taken up.

The commmittee appointed to invite Judge Carter to discuss this question, reported that he was out of town. However, the question was discussed by Rev. S. F. Conrad.

By motion, the Association put itself on record as favoring the food conservation as outlined by Secretary Hoover.

The Moderator recognizes Dr. Andrews of the Reformed church, and W. A. Washington of Tar River Association, and welcomed them to seats in this Association.

Rev. C. C. Wheeler submits the following report:

STATE MISSIONS

In a great many respects our State Mission work for the pres-

ent year far exceeds the work of any preceeding year. In all we have had 150 missionaries on the field. To date 276 churches have been supplied. Our board has aided churches in 45 Associations. This is by no means a little work accomplished. The work of our State Board is laid out on a basis of $47,500 for this year exclusive of associational missions and Sunday school missions. The entire amount as yet has not been provided.

In this report we wish to emphasize the most important phases of our State Mission work. Namely, Evangelization, Church Building and Enlistment and Training.

Evangelization occupies the chief place in the work of our Lord's Kingdom. Our rapid growth in this State, as well as throughout the South, is due to our spirit of evangelism. We shall never outgrow or exhaust this phase of our work. Nearly half the population of our State are members of some church. So we see that North Carolina is not yet quite half evangelized.

Next in importance in our State Mission Work is church building. Church buildings are necessary to gather and ripen the fruits of evangelization. These are physically necessary in order that baptized believers be brought into living bodies. The importance of this work has not yet dawned upon us. We need more money for this phase of our work. At present we have only two thousand dollars to put in this work annually.

Enlistment and training go hand in hand with evangelism and church building. Special emphasis needs to be placed upon this department of our work. There are about two hundred thousand white Baptists in this State not regularly enlisted in the work of kingdom affairs. They have all been baptized and received into the fellowship of the churches, but they have not been enlisted and trained for service.

Our State Mission Board is endeavoring to reach and enlist these idle thousands. The greatest peril of the hour is not a universal war or the conservation of our food supply, but the idleness of the uninterested masses of our churches.

It is the purpose of the board to have some schools and chautauquas for the pastors and workers of our churches in the early part of next year. If this plan is carried out we expect to see more of our people enlisted for service.

We make the following recommendations to the churches of our Association:

1. That we stress evangelism as we have not done in the past.
2. That we lay the work of church building upon our hearts as never before.
3. That we do our dead level best to enlist and train for service those who have in the past been at "ease in Zion."
4. That we contribute more liberally to State Missions and thus assist in making possible a greater denominational life in our State.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. WHEELER,

Chairman Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Rev. D. F. Putman and Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

The report was adopted. The Association rose and sang: "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood."

The question of South Fork Institute was taken up.

Rev. J. A .Snow was called to the chair.

Osborne Brown, Treasurer of the Institute, submitted the following report:

SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

Secretary-Treasurer's report for year ending October 31, 1917:

Receipts during the year	$1,380.25
Disbursements during the year	1,274.60
Balance, cash on hand,	$105.65

Present Indebtedness—Notes Payable

Note to Dr. T. W. Long, deceased, January 1914	$500.00
Note to Elliott Building Company,	140.80
Note to First National Bank of Hickory, July 11, 1917,	55.93
Note Shuford National Bank Newton, June 28, 1917,	898.04
Note to First National Bank of Hickory, May 11, 1917,	325.00
Interest due on the note to Dr. T. W. Long, estimated	105.00
Interest due on note Elliot Building Company, estimated	25.33
Total amount of indebtedness	$2050.10
Total amount of indebtedness as shown above	$2050.10
Cash on hand,	105.65
Net amount of indebtedness	$1944.12

Osborne Brown, Sec.-Treas.

By motion the report was adopted.

On the question how to pay off the indebtedness, one sister, Mrs. T. J. Ramsaur, proposed to give $500.00 of it.

A motion was made by Bro. R. F. Craig that the Trustees of South Fork Institute be impowered and instructed to sell the real and personal property, pay off the indebtedness, and turn the remainder over to the Association. The motion was seconded.

Pending adoption, the question was discussed by several brethren for and against.

The motion carried, 40 to 12.

Voluntarily, Rev. W. C. Barrett, R. F. Craig, S. T. Gaddy, Osborne Brown, T. J. Ramsaur, J. W. Whitley, W. C. Mullen, J. D. Elliott, Mrs. T. J. Ramsaur and J. Yates Killian, pledged the interests on the notes until the property can be sold.

There being no other business coming before the body, by motion the Association adjourned until 9:45, a. m., Thursday.

Prayer by Rev. W. G. Moore.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9:45.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. P. Smith.

Song: "Onward Christian Soldier."

The scripture lesson read was the 1st Psalm.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Whitley.

The following were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body: Rev. C. A. Caldwell and C. A. Rhyne of Catawba River Association, and Rev. J. H. P. Hill of King's Mountain Association, but now of this Association.

The Committee appointed submitted the following report on place and preacher for next session of the Association:

PLACE AND PREACHER

Place, First Church of Belmont.
Preacher, J. L. Vipperman,
Alternate, J. W. Whitley,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Rev. L. P. Smith submitted the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education in its broadest sense means the equipping of the mind to do the most possible in the least possible time. The untrained man has passed off the stage of action and has given way to those that are more efficient and better equipped. Much has been done in the past few years to better the possibilities for education in both the higher and lower institutions. But still greater things must be done if our denominational schools keep pace with the state schools.

In this age of culture and civilization the problem is not so much to teach our people the necessity of education, but we must teach and educate the masses their duty toward better equipping and patronizing our denominational schools. The man that does not believe in education today is past the mile post of learning. His case is hopeless. Therefore, if we hope to win the day we must emphasize the duty toward education and not so much the necessity.

Let us take a glance at the record of South Fork Association for the year ending October 25th, 1916, and see just what we did for Christian education. Out of the 27 churches in this Association only 18 contributed to Christian education, and only 15 to colleges and schools. There were ten that contributed to both schools and Christian education, while only 13 contributed to one of the above objects. Only 23 churches made any contribution at all to education in any way. Thus we had 34 churches in the Association that made no contribution whatever to this conventional object. We bring thse figures to show how we stand and mean no reflection whatever on the churches that did not contribute in any way to education. But we are pursuaded to believe, however, that every church in the Association would contribute if the matter was

pressed a little more. I therefore urge that the pastors of these churches do their bit in teaching the brethren the importance of standing by the denominational schools and help to keep pace and compete with our state schools.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. Smith.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by L. P. Smith.

By motion the discussion was discontinued and report tabled until the arrival of Dr. Cullum.

A. W. Setzer introduced the following:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that after the Trustees of South Fork Institute shall have disposed of the property and debts on same is paid, the funds on hand be loaned on real estate by a committee of five, and that the interest on this created fund be to help pay expenses of ministerial students at Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

By motion of Rev. W. C. Barrett, the above resolution was tabled.

J. A. Snow made the following motion: That the Moderator and two other brethren (the pastor of the church with which the Association is to meet to be one) prepare a program for the next session of the Association and that it be inserted in the minutes.

Rev. J. W. Whitley offered the following amendment: That the moderator and pastor of the local church with which it meets, prepare a tentative program about a month before the Association and a copy of same be sent out with the blank church letters.

The amendment was lost, and the orginal motion was adopted.

Rev. W. C. Barrett submitted the following:

HOME MISSION REPORT.

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than have ever been reported by another Home Mission Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our Board does.

Our Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-operative agencies. Last year the total receipts of the Board for all objects were $474,792, while the administrative costs were $22,638, or only 4.7 per cent. This suggests great enconomy in administration. While we applaud a wise economy, we must not forget that efficiency in secular business has nearly always required considerably larger administrative costs than this.

Our Board must not only wisely expend money; it must aid in nurturing and instructing the sources of its supply, which are among nearly 3,000,000 Baptists, most of whom belong to churches with only once-a-month preaching by absentee pastors. To do this service with any real effectiveness will necessitate some expense.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Hundreds of thousands of homes will experience a new soul-hunger, a new sense of need, in the giving of their sons to fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy. The American farmer must feed the world. The farmer's church, already in need of inspiration and new methods that it may serve a new rural world, must be the center from which the farmer shall gain added understanding and courage to do his part for God and for country. Southern Baptists must do their full share to save and to serve the religious needs of our American boys in the camps, and to protect them from the foul birds of prey that gather in the wake of every army.

Realizing that new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission Field, the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans instructed the Board to pursue its work on the basis of an apportionment of $505,193, and the annual meeting of the Board in June planned the year's work on that basis. It is the first time Southern Baptists have undertaken to raise half a million for Home Missions, but the abounding needs and opportunities call for it. Our Baptist people are prosperous. They can enjoy their prosperity without moral deterioration only by serving God and country and men with their substance. Patriotism and true religion call us to a larger support of Home Missions.

In Evangelism and Church Building and Enlistment, in Cuba and Panama and the Southern Highlands, among Foreigners and Negroes and Indians, through co-operative missions in such needy States as New Mexico and Arkansas and Oklahoma and Louisiana and Florida, in cities and towns and country-side, our Board has a great work, and the pressing needs which grow out of the war are in addition.

The churches of the South Fork Association gave $996.02 to Home Missions last year. We hope they have gone far beyond that amount this year.

We recommend:

1. That earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the year upon Home Missions.

2. That our churches be encouraged to form mission study classes in "Baptist Missions in the South," and "Country Church in the South," the two unusually popular mission study books of the Home Board. Also that our churches should order and make a larger use of the full and interesting lot of tracts about each phase of the work of the Board. The tracts are free on application. The books are, each, cloth 60 cents, paper 40 cents. All orders for literature or books should be directed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

3. That the Home and Foreign Field be taken by every Baptist home in the South Fork Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Barrett.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Rev. W. C. Barrett.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Cullum of Wake Forest having arrived, the report on Education was taken from the table, and ably discussed by Dr. Cullum.

The report was then adopted.

The Moderator appoints Bro. T. J. Ramsaur to audit the Treasurer's annual report.

By motion, the Association adjourned until 1:15 p. m.

Benediction by Dr. Cullum.

Afternoon Session

The Association reassembles at 1:15, p. m.

After song by the choir, the Moderator calls the Association to order.

Prayer led by Rev. W. W. Rimmer.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Moderator appoints the following brethern to write reports for next session:

Writers And Subjects

Foreign Missions,	W. R. Bradshaw.
Home Missions,	A. W. Setzer.
State Missions,	W. C. Barrett.
Woman's Work,	J. A. Snow.
Sunday Schools,	J. W. Wheeler.
Orphanage,	W. W. Rimmer.
Biblical Recorder,	Thos. J. Ramsaur.
Education,	W. G. Moore.
Ministers Relief,	R. F. Craig.
Digest of Church Letters,	R. G. Mace.
Obituaries,	J. A. Hoyle.
B. Y. P. U.,	C. C. Wheeler.

The committee appointed submitted the following:

Nominations

We nominate W. G. Moore, J. Yates Killian and J. D. Elliott as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, and W. R. Bradshaw to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Rev. J. D. Harte.

J. T. Ervin,
C. C. Wheeler.

The report was adopted.

Rev. J. A. Snow submitted the following:

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Genesis 3:15. And Deborah a prophetess, * * * she judged Isreal at that time. And Deborah said unto Barak, Up! for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand." Judges 4:14.

"But she said, Yea, Lord: for even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O, Woman! great is thy faith: be it done unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was healed from that hour." Matthew 15:27-28.

"These all with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." Acts 1:14.

"And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdelene, out of whom he cast seven devils. And Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance." Luke 8:2-3.

"For in that she poured this ointment upon my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." Matthew 26:12-13.

"Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did." Acts 9:36.

"And I entreat thee, also, true yoke-fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel." Phil. 4:3.

There are 39 Societies in the South Fork Association, with about 1,200 members, these contributed nearly $2,000.000 this year. These societies contributed about one third of the amount contributed to missions by the South Fork Association. These societies have selected Miss Attie Bostic as their Foreign missionary: thus making a vital connection between the Foreign Field and the South Fork Association.

The good women of our Association are engaged in the study and teaching of missions: thus laying the foundation deep and strong for missions in days to come. Woman owes so much to Christ that it behooves her in this Christian land of ours to remember the women in lands that are still in darkness. The work of woman for humanity and the work of woman for Christ should go hand in hand in this wonderful centuary in which we live.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Abner Snow.

Recognizing ladies of the missionary work being present, the Association rose and sang: "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

By motion, the report on Woman's work and Foreign Missions was considered together.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw then reads the following:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We understand Foreign Missions to mean an effort on our part to carry out the last commission of our Lord, to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

The present call of our Foreign Mission work is the challenge of the hour to all our churches. When we look at the condition of the world today, and behold the things that are being done the fact is forced upon us with tremendous emphasis that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The heathen nations are awakening in a wonderful way and inquiring for the way of life and peace. Their doors are wide open. They are willing to let us come and ready to hear what we have to say. We ought to be able now to win souls in these heathen nations on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past. And this is what is being done. It took one hundred years of modern missionary effort to win the first million converts. We passed the million mark in 1896. It only took twelve years to win the second million. For the past few years we have been winning them at the rate of a million in six years. But what are we as a denomination doing to tell the world of Jesus? Here are some facts culled from the report of our Foreign Mission Board to the last Southern Baptist Convention: We have 95 self-supporting churches, 6,471 Baptisms, 77 new churches organized and the per capita contributions in heathen and pagan fields was $3.00. There are now 315 Missionaries; 22 having gone out during the last year. There are 166 ordained and 531 unordained native helpers. On pagan fields there was one baptism for six members, and on papal fields one for every seven, while in N. C., there was one for every 15.

IT IS GRATIFYING to note that our gifts to Foreign Missions has increased from year to year, but we fear not in proportion to our prosperity.

The October meeting of our Foreign Mission Board sent to the whole brotherhood the results of their deliberations in the appropriations for the year. The total amount of appropriations is $634,311. This amount exceeds contributions for current support from all sources last year by $118,544.

In concluding this letter to the brotherhood the Board said "It is the opinion and strong conviction that every dollar of this $634,311 should be raised this year for the following reasons:

1. To keep the Foreign Mission Board out of debt.

2. Because the appropriations which make up the amount represent absolute necessities of the work—not the desires of the missionaries nor the need of the work.

3. So that the denomination can at the earliest possible time make provision for many and large urgent needs of the work, in China and Brazil especially.

4. This amount should be raised by the denomination as a preparatory step to entrance upon certain providential and promising new fields without delay. The Board should be permitted to present to the convention at Hot Springs next May a program for a thoroughly vigorous entrance upon the work in the great republic of Russia, where Baptists have offered them what is perhaps the greatest missionary opportunity that has confronted Christendom since Paul answered the Macedonian call.

We recommend our Journal—The Home and Foreign Fields.

Respectfully,

W. R. Bradshaw.

Pending a motion to adopt the two reports were ably discussed jointly by Dr. W. R. Cullum.

The reports were adopted.

Not being able to attend the Association, Rev. R. G. Mace sends the following, which the Clerk inserts in the minutes:

OBITUARIES

Your committee has not been able to secure the data from all the churches of the Association, but from the information obtainable, forty-eight of our members have died during the past year. Alexis reports 1; McAdenville 4; Lincoln Avenue 2; 1st Gastonia 1; Warlick's 5; Lowell 1; Highland 2; Mt. View 1; Dallas 1; Cedar Grove 1; Macedonia 2; 1st Hickory 5; Amity 1; Sandy Plains 1; Mt. Ruhama 3; Center View 1; 1st Lincolntin 3; Sharon 2; Mt. Holly 1; Hickory Grove 1; Maiden 1; West Hickory 1; Belmont 1; East Gastonia 3; and Olivet 3. Signed: R. G. Mace.

The committee appointed to nominate delegates to conventions and member of State Mission Board.

Report of Committee.

1. We renominate J. D. Elliott as a member of the State Mission Board.

2. As delegate to the Southern Baptist convention, W. C. Barrett.

3. As delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Brethren, J. D.Elliott, H. B. Moore and J. Y. Killian.

J. W. Snow,)
J. C. Whitesides) Committee.
W. R. Bradshaw,)

Rev. J. W. Whitley submitted the following:

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

It seems to us that, while billions of dollars are being spent for the equipment and training of less than ten per cent of our men for our country's service to make the U. S. and the world safe for Democracy, for religion, for common decency, for virtue, honor and truth there should be renewed zeal on our part as Baptists to train and equip our young people for efficient service in our Master's cause. We have made great progress during the last year—having gone from 300 to 500 Unions in our State. Still the work has only begun.

The crying need in all our churches is the cry of our Lord when he said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." (Matt. 9:37). The laborers will remain few in comparison until we are as zealous to carry out the last part of our Lord's Commission as we are the first and second. We have made disciples and baptized them, but we have failed to train them.

How shall it be done? The B. Y. P. U., was born to meet this very need. The B. Y. P. U. is to the local church what the training

camps are to the army of the U. S. We would have a very poor fighting force in our army if our boys were not trained for service. The reason the ordinary Baptist church is so much weaker than its numbers would indicate is that it has failed to train its young people as they entered its ranks. Our B. Y. P. U., proposes to take our young people and make them acquainted, in a practical way, with the doctrines of the Bible and the things that go with church membership. It will create in them a loyalty for their faith by increasing their efficiency as church members. It is a work of training in the church and for the church and not something separate from it.

In most instances our young people are just waiting for someone to lead them in this work. Every one of them is anxious to do something for the glory of God. The B. Y. P. U. proposes to take them while their fervor is still aglow and conserve it for the progress of the kingdom of God. The pastor is the key man and should be thoroughly alive to his great opportunity.

Therefore, we wish to make the following suggestions:

First. That every pastor in our Association be earnestly requested to organize a B. Y. P. U. in his church or churches where a Union does not exist. If he lacks the necessary information, let him write to Rev. J. D. Moore, Raleigh, N. C., and he will gladly furnish the literature free. No pastor is excusable for ignorance of this phase of our work.

Second. That the churches which do not have Unions be requested to invite a Union from some church which does have a good live Union to come and give a demonstration. This will result in two good things: It will help the Union giving the demonstration, and it will doubtless enthuse the young people where it is given to the point where they will organize one of their own.

Respectfully submitted,

Julius W. Whitley.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by J. W. Whitley.

The report was adopted.

The committee submitted the following program for the next session of the Association.

PROGRAM

Wednesday Morning

10:30—Enrollment of delegates.
10:45—Organization.
11:00—Introductory Sermon.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:00—Devotional
1:15—Orphanage.
2:15—Ministers' Relief.
3:00—Temperance.
3:30—Obituaries.

Wednesday Night

7:00—Devotional.
7:15—Christian Education.
8:15—South Fork Institute.

Thursday Morning

9:45—Devotional.
10:00—Digest of Letters.
10:30—B. Y. P. U.
11:15—Sunday Schools.

Thursday Afternoon

1:00—Devotional.
1:15—Biblical Recorder.
2:15—Woman's Work.
3:00—State Missions.
4:00—Miscellaneous Business.

Thursday Night

7:00—Devotional.
7:15—Home Missions.
8:15—Foreign Missions.

F. M. HUGGINS,
W. G. MOORE,
Committee.

G. P. Abernethy submitted the report on Sunday schools.

The report was discussed by G .P. Abernethy, H. M. Croom and others.

Report adopted.

(In the rush, the above report, in some way, got misplaced, nad can't get in the minutes.)

S. T. Gaddy exhibited and explained the digest of letters.

By motion, the digest of letters was received and thanks extended Bro. Gaddy for the work and pains given it.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw offered the following

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That this Association fall in line with the plan of the Baptist State Convention, and that we recommend that the churches contribute to education two fifths as much as they do to State Missions.

The resolution was adopted.

The Treasurer submitted his annual report:

TREASURERS' REPORT

To the South Fork Association, greeting: As your Treasurer, I beg leave to submit the following:

Receipts

Minute Fund	$65.35
State Missions	46.22
Home Missions	21.00
Foreign Missions	30.64
Ministerial Educaton	2.98
Ministers' Relief	11.68

Orphanage	36.47
Total Receipts	$214.34

Disbursements

To Walters Durham, State Missions	$46.22
To Walters Durham, Home Missions	21.00
To Walters Durham, Foreign Missions	30.64
To Walters Durham, Ministerial Education	2.98
To Walters Durham, Ministers' Relief	11.68
To F. B. Hamrick, Treasurer, Orphanage	36.47
To J. F. Click, services as Clerk	15.00
To J. F. Click, to pay for Minutes	50.35
Total Disbursements	$214.34

Respectfully submitted this November 1st, 1917.

J. O. ALLEN, Treasurer.

I the committee appointed to audit the report of J. O. Allen, Treasurer, beg leave to say I find the same correct.

J. THOS. RAMSAUR.

J. W. Whitley submitted the following

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, That this Association express its most sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of the Newton Baptist church, for their most splendid and generous hospitality lavished upon us during our most pleasant stay in their splendid city.

The resolution was adopted by rising vote.

By motion, the Clerk was allowed $15.00 for work of getting minutes printed.

A collection was taken to supplement minute fund sent in, and $5.10 was thus received.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet with Belmont First church at 11 a. m. on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1918.

Song—"Come Thou Fount."

Prayer led by J. W. Whitley.

OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator,
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Gain		Loss						
	Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	By Letter	By Exclus	By Death	Males	Females	Membership
Alexis	8	7		9		1	50	65	115
Amity		2		8		1	25	26	51
Belmont, First	17	15		23		1	102	133	235
Bethel	1	3					32	50	82
Brookford	2	12	2	13			25	57	82
Bruington	13	4		7			50	53	103
Catawba	2						29	49	78
Cedar Grove				2		1	14	28	42
Center View	2	4		1		1	35	29	64
Corinth				6			43	79	122
Dallas	4	9		26		1	72	71	143
Denver		1				1	11	21	32
East Belmont	30	75	1	21	4		95	155	250
East Gastonia	52	101	6	77	13	3	225	337	552
Faith	4	4					25	17	42
Gastonia, First	52	80		68	2	1	186	271	457
Hickory, First	14	27		12		5	135	207	342
Hickory Grove	9	4		8		1	76	86	162
Highland	13	13		7		2	41	77	118
High Shoals	5	10		13			24	53	77
Kidd's Chapel	3	2	1	3	5	1	24	39	63
Lawings' Chapel	8		1	12			57	78	135
Leonard's Fork	2	1					41	89	130
Lincolnton Ave.	22	10		14		2	58	91	149
Lincolnton, First	6	30		17	1	3	108	164	272
Long Creek	25	8		18			100	104	204
Long Shoals		5		2		1	18	32	50
Loray	27	79		57			130	251	381
Lowell	26	18	3	16	2	1	65	69	134
Macedonia		2		5		2	80	107	187
Maiden	15	18		11	2	1	97	114	211
Mayworth	3	16	1	1	1		31	42	73
McAdenville	15	14	3	36	5	4	94	149	243
Mtn. Grove		1					32	35	67
Mtn. View	3	2		2		1	30	49	79
Mt. Beulah	30	6		3			29	40	69
Mt. Holly	18	40		37	3	1	127	183	310
Mt. Ruhama	18	4	3		5	3	100	109	209
Mt. Zion	1	5	2	9	1		62	88	150
Newton	16	19		8	1		89	96	185
Olivet	6	7		16		3	83	108	191
Penelope	6			4			11	18	29
Providence, Second	15	2	2	4	10		32	56	88
Piney Grove		2		10			24	39	63
Reepsville	1	2					14	20	34
River View	7	8		12	1		51	87	138
Salem	4					1	49	68	117
Sandy Plains	5	3		5		1	60	77	137
Sharon						2	22	36	58
Spencer Mtn.	6						31	56	87
Startown							5	11	16
Thessalonica							5	13	18
Tuckasege	4	13	1	9	1		50	45	95
Warlick's	1			1		5	24	80	104
Webb's Chapel	11	2		2			23	35	58
West Hickory	2	22		19		1	87	111	198
Totals	554	713	26	624	57	52	3238	4653	7891

NOTE—Lucia did not report. South Gastonia's membership appears in her application. Lucia reported 46 members last year.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidental Expenses	S School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Totals
Alexis	150.00		2.50	18.00		.90		171.41
Amity	40.00			3.00		1.00		44.00
Belmont, First	1000.00	1141.17	255.21	69.30	11.83	3.00	159.25	2669.76
Bethel	75.00		9.50	2.60		.50		87.60
Brookford	250.00	2.60	21.07	41.12		1.00	47.62	363.41
Bruington	400.00	3.20	19.58	19.60		1.40	17.10	460.88
Catawba	125.00	18.40	6.00			1.00		150.40
Cedar Grove	75.00		.30	8.00				83.30
Center View	100.00	300.00	67.13	14.70		1.50	17.80	501.13
Corinth	120.00					.50	6.00	126.00
Dallas	442.67	440.00	29.51	69.80		2.00		983.98
Denver	75.00		7.25	3.05		1.25	1.00	87.55
East Belmont	857.00	1906.00	53.13	161.30	233.24	1.50	585.45	3797.62
East Gastonia	1525.00	2210.45	817.08	580.54	40.48	1.00		5171.55
Faith	50.00		16.35	3.96				70.31
Gastonia, First	2300.00		698.91	313.43	267.28	3.00		3580.62
Hickory, First	1321.00	187.12	14.25	160.44	13.65	5.00	918.65	2620.11
Hickory Grove	212 62		19.28	56.02	10.25	.90	43.55	341.72
Highland	300.00	190.00	15.00	84.95	7.72	1.00	85.00	683.67
High Shoals	200.00	25.00	16.36	77.36		1.00		319.72
Kidd's Chapel	75.00	3.50		5.00		.70		84.20
Lawings Chapel	105.57	75.00	2.00	17.15		1.30	18.55	219.57
Leonard's Fork	100.00					.60		100.60
Lincolnton Ave.	185.40	169.72	77.39			1.50	16.75	450.76
Lincolnton First	1000.00	316.70	331 46	92 15	5.63	3.00	7.10	1750.04
Long Creek	550 00	27.30	38.38	130.98		2.50	74.25	818.41
Long Shoals	45.00			8.00		.75		53.75
Loray	1200.00	834.06	375.89	286.35	9.00	3.00	67.71	2776.01
Lowell	430.00		12.65	58.10	16.63	1.00	93.50	611.88
Macedonia	116.72	7.00	25.00	4 61	19.00	.40		172.73
Maiden	310 00		116.00	8 00		2.10	18.00	464.10
Mayworth	159.60			17.05		1.20	13.13	180.98
McAdenville	625.00	323.00	40.42	63.04		1.30	580.47	1633.23
Mtn. Grove	100.00		15 85	12 08		1.00	19.00	147.93
Mtn. View	80 00		10.00	6.96		.60		97.56
Mt. Beulah	120.00	16.20		25 63		1.00	64.84	227.62
Mt. Holly	1400 00	567.40	220.77	168.98	15.73	3.00		2375.88
Mt. Ruhama	146 29		31.25	1.80	6.97	2.90		189.21
Mt. Zion	150 00		23.78	3.00		.75		177.53
Newton	675 00	266.00	411.75	100 00	25 00	3 00	92.50	1573.25
Olivet	450 00		66.65	68.71	30.00	2.85	18.00	636.21
Penelope	100.00		2.00	30.00		1.50		133.50
Providence II	105 00		32.60	7.00	20.00	1.25	7.00	172.85
Piney Grove	75 00		12.00	6.00	8.00	1.00		102.00
River View	201 74	6.50	175.00	51.06	25.00	2.00	42.85	504.15
Salem	90.00			10.00				100.00
Sandy Plains	200 00		56.00	18.47	18.65	2.00	53.77	348.89
Spencer Mtn.	176.40			32.67	29.61	.50		239.24
Startown	80.00		12.75	6.00				98.75
South Gastonia						1.40		1.40
Thessalonica						.30		.30
Tuckasege	50.00		11.50	60.00	12.33	2.00		135.83
Warlick's	60.00	250.00	1.50	7.00	35.80			106.00
Webb's Chapel	60 00	32.25	2.00	13.43		.60		108.28
West Hickory	613 83	40 05	145.93	109.14	36.26	1.00	27.25	
Totals	19453.84	9354.62	4318.93	3115.53	898.06	80.55	3116.09	40337.62

NOTE—Lucia, Reepsville and Sharon made no report. The minute fund includes the $510 general collection.

NAME OF CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday S. Missions	Orphanage	Colleges & Schools	Christian Education	Minister's Relief	TOTAL
Alexis	8.06	6.00	6.00		14.43				34.49
Amity	1.00		1.50		5.00				7.50
Belmont, First	117.14	81.76	128.11	19.86	79.51	42.77	12.36	9.87	491.38
Bethel	5.50	1.00	1.00	.50	2.00			1.50	11.50
Brookford	36.91	2.25	2.25		16.71		3.50		61.62
Bruington	8.08	12.50	12.50		57.84	3.00		5.00	98.92
Catawba	5.00	3.00	2.00		6.88	.91	1.00	1.00	19.79
Cedar Grove	2.86	2.85	2.85	3.00	2.75	5.05		1.95	21.31
Center View	5.08		5.21						10.21
Corinth	4.00	1.00			1.20			1.00	7.20
Dallas	64.50	53.50	65.25		83.25		26.25	5.00	297.75
Denver	5.75	4.00	6.00		8.20				24.70
East Belmont	52.43	25.37	18.45	4.96	193.76				294.97
East Gastonia	304.41	114.00	148 80		282.79	26.55			876.55
Faith		2.00	1.80						3.80
Gastonia, First	337.57	619.27	354.41	30.90	486.00	139.92	137.29	69.29	2173.84
Hickory, First	418.76	167.45	263.69	5.00	218.14	10.00	28.41	13.45	1124.89
Hickory Grove	21.00	20.00	20.00	4.39	62.20		7.22	7.38	142.19
Highland	12.00	7.20	8.20	7.83	21.31		3.00		59.54
High Shoals	16.00	13.50	15.00		60.00			2.00	106.50
Kidd's Chapel	6.00	2.00	1.00	2.41	1.00	1.00		1.00	13.41
Lawings Chapel	5.55	9.00	9.85		3.98			2.00	30.38
Leonard's Fork	5.00	5.00	5.00		3.80				18.80
Lincolnton Ave.	4.36		18.06		3.00				25.42
Lincolnton First	101.47	44.61	69.88		206.89		34.75		457.60
Long Creek	15.85	5.00	5.00	1.00	38.00			1.45	66.30
Long Shoals	4.00	2.00	2.40						8.40
Loray	143.74	200.00	130.85	10.00	131.44	10.00	11.50	10.00	547.53
Lowell	31.61	12.05	17.68		41.04				102.38
Macedonia		3.00	3.00		4.00			.95	10.95
Maiden	29.00		8.00	4.00	5.00	9.00			55.00
McAdenville	24.70	15.42	26.00		28.73		4.00		98.85
Mtn. Grove	15.81	11.24	8.97		10.72	2.58		2.27	51.59
Mtn. View	3.00		2.49						5.49
Mt. Beulah	3.75				1.00				4.75
Mt. Holly	115.00	87.56	45.13	31.14	83.00	8.00	27.96	7.73	405.52
Mt. Ruhama	5.49				11.00				16.49
Mt. Zion	22.50	22.50	20.00		21.31			4.00	90.31
Newton	83.60	57.10	32.70		73.29	2.50	5.20	2.50	256.89
Olivet	43.83	24.09	16.06		39.37	3.00	23.33	8.67	158.35
Penelope	3.77	6.00	6.00		2.09			1.50	19.36
Providence II	6.00	2.00	5.55		6.30			1.00	20.85
Piney Grove		4.00	6.10		11.72				21.82
Reepsville	.25		.25		.75				1.25
River View	5.33	3.15	7.13	2.87	26.56	3.75	2.50	3.77	55.06
Salem	6.00	5.00	4.50						15.50
Sandy Plains	16.22	15.45	10.44		45.16				87.27
Sharon	5.00								5.00
Spencer Mtn.	33.75	14.32	10.73						38.80
Startown	10.00	2.00	2.00		5.00				19.00
Thessalonica	3.10	1.00	1.00		1.51	.25		.74	7.60
Tuckasege			1.10		4.10				5.20
Warlick's	3.50				3.50				7.00
Webb's Chapel	5.32	1.75	2.31		1.67			1.00	12.05
West Hickory	22.00	13.15	9.32		21.30	1.00	6.10	1.00	73.87
Totals	2210.54	1705.04	1551.52	127.86	2438.20	269.28	334.37	167.02	8803.83

NOTE—Four churches, with new one, made no report on Benevolent Objects.—Clerk.

NAME OF CHURCHES	When Organized	NAME OF PASTORS	Seating Capacity	Value of Church Prop'rty	Sundays of Preaching	Church Clerks and Addresses
Alexis	1903	W. W. Rimmer	400	$ 1500	2 S.	C. W. Abernethy, Alexis
Amity	1905	W. B. McClure	300	800	1 S.	E. T. Ballard, Iron Station
Belmont, First	1874	F. M. Huggins	500	10500	Ev. S.	Oscar Armstrong, Belmont
Bethel	1895	J. A. Hoyle	500	500	1 S.	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton
Brookford	1907	Resigned	300	2300	1, 4 S.	Albert Edwrds, Hickory
Bruington	1853	W. W. Rimmer	400	1200	1, 3 S.	J. O. Smith, Stanley
Catawba	1875	J. B. Pruett	500	3000	1 S.	D. L. Wike, Catawba
Cedar Grove	1912	J. A. Snow	300	500	4 S.	A. C. Michael, Newton
Center View	1914	L. R. Williams	500	1200	4 S.	J. F. Hovis, Maiden
Corinth	1855	J. A. Hoyle	500	800	4 S.	G. W. Hood, Reepsville
Dallas	1877	J L Vipperman	800	10000	2, 4 S.	J. R. Lewis, Dallas
Denver	1914	J. S. Connell			1 S.	H. N. Abernethy, Denver
East Belmont	1912	R. G. Mace	600	5500	Ev. S.	W. L. Chapman, Belmont
East Gastonia	1901	J. W. Whitley	600	12000	Ev. S.	M. T. Saunders, Gastonia
Faith	1906	R L. Smith	300	1200	4 S.	B. E. Ballard, Iron Station
Gastonia, First	1884	W. C. Barrett	600	25000	Ev. S.	J. M. Shuford, Gastonia
Hickory, First	1870	W. R. Bradshaw	1000	25000	Ev. S.	J. R. Hosley, Hickory
Hickory Grove	1913	W. B. McClure	400	2000	4 S.	J. Lee Abernethy, Alexis
Highland	1912	Rush Padgett	350	3500	1, 3 S.	W. T. Harris Hickory
High Shoals	1902	J. D. Moose	450	2000	1 S.	M. C. Dellinger, High Shoals
Kidd's Chapel	1872	J. S. Connell	300	1000	1 S.	W. A. Poole, Catawba
Lawings Chapel	1907	B. H. Lochridge	400	1000	3 S.	Samuel Bandy, Maiden
Leonard's Fork	1882	C. C. Wheeler	300	1000	2 S.	W. H. Hoover, Crouse
Lincolnton Ave.	1911	S. A. Stroup	300	800	4 S.	W. L. Long, Lincolnton
Lincolnton First	1859	C. C. Wheeler	400	8000	Ev. S.	W. L. Mustain, Lincolnton
Long Creek	1772	J. L. Vipperman	500	2500	1, 3 S.	A. R. Holland, Dallas
Long Shoals		W. W. Rimmer	300	800	4 p.m.	R. B. Gates, R. 4, Lincolnton
Loray	1905	G. P. Abernethy	700	8000	Ev. S.	W. F. Riddle, Gastonia
Lowell	1892	C. Q. Rhyne	400	1500	1, 3 S.	Jake Hendrix, Lowell
Macedonia	1869	W. B. McClure	400	1000	1 S	W. W. Lawing, Lincolnton
Maiden	1891	L. R. Williams	400	1500	1, 3 S	E. H. Williams, Maiden
Mayworth	1911	J. H. Vipperman			1, 4 S.	R. M. Lowe, Mayworth
McAdenville	1887	Rush Padgett	400	3650	Ev. S.	B. H. Waters, McAdenville
Mtn. Grove	1881	A. W. Setzer	400	1500	2 S.	G. F. Huffman, R. 1, Hickory
Mtn. View	1853	L. R. Williams	350	800	2 s. s.	M. A. Gilleland, Maiden
Mt. Beulah	1916	D. L. Putnam	400	2100		J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City
Mt. Holly	1890	W. G. Moore	600	8000	Ev. S.	A. B. Kale, Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama	1816	J. A. Hoyle	400	1500	2 S.	Tate H. Caldwell, R. 2, Newton
Mt. Zion	1869	J. B. Pruett	300	1500	3 S.	L. A. McClure, Alexis
Newton	1882	J. A. Snow	800	10000	Ev. S.	W. J. Barbee, Newton
Olivet	1833	J. S. Connell	500	3000	2, 4 S.	J. T. Ervin, Catawba
Penelope	1888	A. W. Setzer	300	1500	1 S.	Thos. J. Hildebrand, Hickory
Providence II	1878	C. E. Beaver	300	500	4 S.	R. L. Asherbraner, R. 2, Henry
Piney Grove	1904	J. A. Snow	400	800	1 S.	Lee Setzer, R. 2, Newton
Reepsville	1899	P. W. Bangle	250	500	3 S.	Thos. Detter, Reepsville
River View	1897	W. W. Rimmer	300	1000	4 S.	A. L. Cline, Southside
Salem	1847	H. B. Chronister	400	500		C. F. Clanton, Lincolnton
Sandy Plains	1863	J. W. Whitley	400	900	2, 4 S.	N. A. Jenkins, Gastonia
Sharon	1854	H. B. Chronister	500	300	4 S.	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station
Spencer Mtn.	1909	C. Q. Rhyne	200	500	4 S.	J. F. Lowe, Lowell
South Gastonia	1917	W. A. Hough				G. H. Logan, Gastonia
Startown	1896	J. A. Snow	300	500	2 S.	J. Y. Killian, Newton
Thessalonica	1830	A. W. Setzer	300	300	2 S.	W. P. Rhoney, R. 1, Newton
Tuckasege	1911	W. B. McClure	300	1500	2 S.	J. W. Ward, Mt. Holly
Warlick's	1875	O. A. Abee	500	1500	1 S.	A. J. Cook, R. 4, Hickory
Webb's Chapel	1892	C. E. Rhyne	200	750	2 S.	F. B. Carpenter, Lincolnton
West Hickory	1907	L. P. Smith	400	2500	Ev. S.	J. R. Pierce, Hickory

NOTE—Lucia Church sent in no report.—Clerk.

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Office	N. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Ch. Mem. in S. S.	No. Months Kept Open	Baptisms From S. S.
Alexis	W. F. Huggins, Alexis	1	10	157	167		12	5
Amity	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station	1	4	35	39	12	6	
Belmont, First	W. J. Francis, Belmont	1	14	207	221	163	12	12
Bethel	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton	1	7	40	47		6	
Brookford	Albert Edwards, Hickory	1	9	125	134	40	12	2
Bruington	J. P. Calloway, Stanley	1	9	92	101	27	12	3
Catawba	H. M. Croon, Catawba	1	5	40	45		6	
Cedar Grove	A. C. Michael, Newton	1	5	30	35	15	12	
Center View	W. M. Turbyfill, Maiden	1	7	90	97	50	12	2
Corinth	R. P. Havner, Henry	1	5	60	65	15	12	
Dallas	P. D. Summey, Dallas	1	9	91	100	55	12	4
Denver	Dr. C. L. McCaul, Denver	1	5	11	16	15	12	
East Belmont	W. L. Chapman, Belmont	1	17	392	409	120	12	28
East Gastonia	C. B. Newton, Gastonia	1	11	735	746	350	12	90
Faith	W. H. Ballard, Alexis	1	5	49	54	15	12	4
Gastonia, First	W. J. Clifford, Gastonia	1	20	390	410		12	
Hickory, First	J. D. Elliott, Hickory	1	26	314	340	240	12	13
Hickory Grove	F. L. Abernethy, Mt. Holly	1	10	101	111		12	4
Highland	W. S. Robinson, Hickory	1	9	160	169	55	12	7
High Shoals	W. R. Rhyne, High Shoals	1	8	157	165	35	12	5
Kidd's Chapel	James Bynum, Alexis	1	6	47	53	28	12	3
Lawings Chapel	R. B. Cook, Lincolnton	1	10	66	76	58	12	8
Lincolnton Ave.	Ira Hallman, Lincolnton	1	8	115	123		12	21
Lincolnton First	J. O. Allen, Lincolnton	1	11	175	186	75	12	3
Long Creek	F. M. Pasour, Dallas	1	10	160	170	85	12	20
Long Shoals	G. W. Stroup, Lincolnton	1	6	53	59	15	12	
Loray	W. A. Smith, Gastonia	1	16	441	457	225	12	20
Lowell	Jake Hendrix, Lowell	1	11	165	176	73	12	15
Macedonia	Walter Potts, Lincolnton	1	7	47	54	22	12	
Maiden	C. B. Garrett, Maiden	1	12	230	242	175	12	12
Mayworth	T. V. Morris, Mayworth	1	9	139	148		12	1
McAdenville	Laban Abernethy, McAdenville	1	18	320	333		12	
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckard, Hickory	1	8	60	68	13	12	
Mtn. View	M. A. Gilleland, Maiden	1	7	67	74	28	12	2
Mt. Beulah	E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City	1	8	103	111	44	12	20
Mt. Holly	R. F. Craig, Mt. Holly	1	11	150	161	75	12	
Mt. Ruhama	T. H. Caldwell, Newton	1	10	100	110	60	12	17
Mt. Zion	J. H. McClure, Alexis	1	7	33	40	19	10	1
Newton	S. T. Gaddy, Newton	1	13	165	178		12	22
Olivet	W. W. Ervin, Catawba	1	12	90	102		12	5
Penelope	John Hildebrand, Hickory	1	7	60	67		10	
Providence II	Joel Huffman, Henry	1	6	45	51	30	12	12
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy, Catawba	1	5	40	45	30	12	
River View	A. L. Cline, Southside	1	8	85	93		12	3
Salem	Oler Hill, Lincolnton	1	4	40	44	20	10	2
Sandy Plains	J. L. Featherstone, Lowell	1	10	133	143	75	12	
Spencer Mtn.	J. W. Wilkins, Lowell	1	9	85	194	25	12	6
Startown	Miss Grace Wilson, Newton	1	3	35	38	8	9	
Tuckasege	Geo. H. Scronce, Mt. Holly	1	7	119	126	40	12	4
Warlick's	Walter Finger, Connelly Sp'gs	1	6	90	96		12	
Webb's Chapel	J. B. Summey, Lincolnton	1	7	65	72	40	12	
West Hickory	J. D. Greene, Hickory	1	10	200	210	75	12	2
	Totals	52	472	6999	7571	2545		375

NOTE—Leonards Fork, Reepsville, Sharon, Lucia, Thessalonica, sent no report.

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CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and aproved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds. each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be electd annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of ten members, three from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. Nine members shall be elected at this session, one from each section of the Association to serve one year, one from each section for two years, one from each section for three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of each session a Committee of three who shall nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October at 11 A. M. The annual sermon to be preached at such time as each session shall determine.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be—Meet at 9:00 A. M., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Moderator .....Osborne Brown, Long Island, N. C.
Vice-Moderator .....H. B. Moore, Gastonia, N. C.
Clerk .....J. F. Click, Hickory, N. C.
Treasurer .....J. O. Allen, Lincolnton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1 year)	(2 years)	(3 years)
W. W. Rimmer	J. D. Elliott	T. J. Ramseur
J. W. Whitley	J. Yates Killian	R. F. Craig
F. M. Huggins	J. T. Ervin	W. J. Clifford

ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. P. Abernethy, Gastonia, N.C.
J. M. Ballard, Alexis, N. C.
P. W. Bangle, Lincolnton, N. C.
W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C.
C. E. Beaver, Maiden, N. C.
W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory, N. C.
H.B. Chronister Lincolnton N.C.
J. S. Connell, Catawba, N. C.
H. M. Croom, R3, Hickory, N. C.
J. H. Gheens, Belmont, N. C.
Vance Heavner, Hickory, N. C.
I. M. Hilderbrand Hickory, N.C.
J. W. P. Hill, Lincolnton, N. C.
W. A. Hough, Gastonia, N. C.
F. M. Huggins, Belmont, N. C.
R. H. Laughridge, Maiden, N.C.
R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.
W. B. McClure, Alexis, N. C.
R. Padgett, McAdenville, N. C.
J. B. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C.
D. B. Putnam, Cherryville, N.C.
C. Q. Rhyne, Gastonia, N. C.
S. A. Rhyne, R2, Hickory, N. C.
W.W. Rimmer, Lincolnton, N.C.
A. W. Setzer, Maiden, N. C.
L. P. Smith, R4, Hickory, N. C.
R. L. Smith, Stanley, N. C.
J. A. Shaw, Newton, N. C.
S. A. Stroup, Lincolnton, N. C.
J. L. Vipperman, Dallas, N. C.
J. W. Whitley, Gastonia, N. C.
L. R. Williams, Maiden, N. C.
E. L. Taylor, Mayworth, N. C.
C.A.G. Thomas, Mt. Holly, N.C.
G. L. Mullis, Mt. Holly, N. C.
E. R. Stewart, Louisville, Ky.
A. E. Teague, Belmont, N. C.
W. W. Presley, Gastonia, N. C.
J. E. Campbell, Gastonia, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS

FIRST—Belmont, Dallas, Gatonia, East Gastonia, South Gastonia, Loray, McAdenville, Mayworth, Lowell, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek, Sandy Plains High Shoals, Tuckasege.

SECOND—Lincolnton, Lincolnton Avenue, Sharon, Salem, Mt. Zion, Kidd's Chapel, River View, Long Shoals, Bethel, Leonard's Fork, Alexis, Lucia, Faith, Lawing's Chapel, Denver, Center View, Mt. Beulah.

THIRD—Hickory, Highland, Corinth, Newton, Maiden, Cedar Grove, Piney Grove, Catawba, Olivet, Providence I, Providence II, Thessalonica, Reepsville, Mtn. Grove, Penelope, Startown, Warlick's Chapel, Amity, West Hickory, Brookford.

The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS

South Fork Baptist Association met in its Fortieth annual session with the First Baptist church of Belmont, Gaston county, on Thursday, November 21st, 1918, at 11 o'clock A. M.

After a song, and a prayer led by Dr. W. N. Johnson, of Raleigh, the pastor, Rev. F. M. Huggins, in behalf of his church and friends of the town, extended a cordial welcome to the delegates and visiting brethren.

After the song—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," the Moderator, Osborne Brown, called the Association to order and announced that the Association was ready to proceed to business.

The roll of churches was called and the delegates present, together with the few who came later, were enrolled as follows:

Alexis—E. V. Senter, C. W. Abernethy.

Belmont First—Jno. K. Bowen, Jno. W. Gaston, W. H. Stone, A. F. Gaston and Ralph Armstrong.

Bethel—J. E. Ross, Edward Beal and W. B. Mullen.

Brookford—By letter only.

Bruington—R. F. Craig, C. E. Spargo.

Catawba—By letter only.

Centerview—M. C. Laney, J. S. Abernethy and J. F. Goodson.

Corinth—By letter only.

Dallas—J. L. Vipperman and J. R. Lewis.

Denver—By letter.

East Belmont—W. L. Chapman, R. G. Mace, G. C. Moss, D. A. Chapman, J. J. Duncan and I. C. Stewart.

East Gastonia—G. C. Moss, W. L. Walters and J. W. Whitley.

Faith—By letter only.

Gastonia First—W. C. Barrett, W. J. Clifford, W. H. Wray, M. A. Turner, J. R. Shuford and H. B. Moore.

Hickory First—W. R. Bradshaw, J. F. Click.

Hickory Grove—J. S. Smith and J. Lee Abernethy.

Highland—S. A. Rhyne and W. S. Robinson.

High Shoals—By letter only.

Kidds Chapel—By letter only.

Lawing's Chapel—By letter only.

Leonard's Fork—T. J. Hoover, L. J. Hoover.

Lincolnton Ave.—W. W. Rimmer, E. M. Hallman.

Lincolnton First—J. T. Perkins, J. O. Allen, Thos. J. Ramseur.

Long Creek—F. M. Paysour and A. R. Holland.

Long Shoals—By letter only.

Loray—E. E. Bolick, Walter Falkner, W. W. Presley, G. P. Abernethy.

Lowell—A. E. Clemmer. J. W. Hansill and J. H. Cruse.

Macedonia—S. F. Lee and J. B. Ewing.

Maiden—L. R. Williams, L. S. Caldwell.

Mayworth—E. C. Thomas, T. W. Hudgepeth and E. L. Taylor.

McAdenville—Rush Padgett, J. L. Webb, J. W. Rankin and B. H. Waters.

Mtn. Grove—Calvin Baker and A. W. Setzer.

Mtn. View—E. Litten and M. O. Gilleland.

Mt. Beulah—L. A. Barbee, Palmer Biggerstaff, D. A. Faris, J. H. McKinley and J. A. Abernethy.

Mt. Holly—Chas. A. G. Thomas, W. W. Skidmore, Geo. L. Mullis and E. R. Fisher.

Mt. Ruhama—Pinkney Bandy, S. M. Abernethy and W. M. Caldwell.

Newton—Joe Clark, A. L. Ervin, J. A. Snow and Avery Lawing.

Olivet—J. T. Ervin, I. A. Litten.

Penelope—I. M. Hildebrand.

Providence—C. E. Beaver.

Piney Grove—W. H. Caldwell.

Reepsville—By letter only.

River View—W. H. Caldwell.

Salem—D. P. Bynum.

Sandy Plains—W. E. Beatty.

Sharon—By letter only.

South Gastonia—W. P. Glover, G. H . Logan, W. A. Hough.

Spencer Mtn.—Avery Hawkins, John Cloninger.

Startown—By letter only.

Thessalonica—W. P. Rhoney.

Tuckasege—J. D. Smith.

Warlick's—By letter only.

Webb's Chapel—J. B. Summey.

West Hickory—L. P. Smith and E. H. Chester.

There being a majority or chorum present, by motion, the Association proceeded to organize. The Moderator called Rev. J. A. Snow to the chair who presided during the election of officers.

The Association in the usual way, elected the following

OFFICERS

Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice-Moderator, H. B. Moore; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, J. O. Allen.

The Moderator on resuming his seat, recognized the following visiting brethren and welcomed them to seats in the Association:

S. F. Conrad, colportuer, of Charlotte; W. R. Beach, representative of the Biblical Recorder; F. B. Hamrick, treasurer of Thomasville Orphanage; W. N. Johnson, correspondent secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Revs. S. A. Stroup, J. D. Moose, R. D. Carroll, L. A. Bangle and Drs. Livingston Mays and Luther Little, of Charlotte; and sisters, Mrs. W. H. Westall, of Asheville, Mrs. M. B. Bumgarner, of Mt. Holly, and Mrs. Lizzie Prue, of Charlotte.

The committee on program made a partial report, which was

adopted, and which appears with the full report later.

R. G. Mace, for R. L. Smith, submitted the following report:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is just education plus a heart quivering with a thrilling purpose to promote righteousness in the whole world. The highest ideals known to man are those pertaining to the Kingdom of God. They are the ideals that martyrs have held more precious than life. And our denominational schools are eagerly, and in most cases successfully, promoting that kind of ideals. With the student's help they always do.

In this report I shall mention seven key words: Past, Present, Prospects, Pleadings, Pledges, Prayers, Promises.

Past

Christian Education has a history of which they who know are proud. Its record needs no argument to prove its worth. Many are the names that have been placed in the splendid assemblage of Christian Worthies because of its potent influence.

Present

Time will not permit me to even mention the names of the host of consecrated and competent workers who with the help of Christian Education prepared themselves as offerings "meet for the Master's use." They are telling the Glad News to the ends of the earth. With right may they pray, "Thy Kingdom come," for they are helping to bring it in. And every one who helps to keep them on the firing line has his part in Kingdom building.

Prospects

Well may we tremble when we think of the tremendous responsibility that is ours concerning the reconstruction work that is just before us. And we must think of it. There is no getting away from it if we wanted to. We may be weak but we must become strong. Ours is a great task.

The world is going to follow those who are competent. The work of our schools is to make men competent in the truest sense of the word. For that reason alone Christian Education should be on the budget of every Church. And it would be there if the members really understood what it means. This we know because those who do understand support it.

Just now the need for loyal support is more urgent than ever before, for "There was never a time when the world needed the influence of the distinctively Christian School as it does today." And the prospects for real Christian service were never brighter than they are now, especially in our schools. For the great demand is for trained workers. This is a time for all to help.

Pleadings

The Founder of Christian Education is pleading for the advancement of his Kingdom. Thousands of earnest workers in the thick of the fight against sin are pleading for more trained work-

ers who are shot through with the knowledge that they are workers "that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Millions of men and women and little children who must go down in helplessness, unless some one lifts them up, are pleading for Christian Education. They may not call it by that name, it is true, but they need, and many of them want, somebody who can help them. May God help us to heed their pleadings.

Pledges

We could not keep out of this war. We had to get in to save our necks. And we had to finance the thing. Some of us couldn't do much, but we had to help. And now comes along an opportunity—not to kill two birds with one stone, as some would think, but I'll tell you what we may do. We may kill a dirty vulture and nourish a bird of paradise. We may imprison a thieving vampire and set at liberty a cooing dove of peace. The call is clear. The needs are urgent.

And so we have the Million Dollar Campaign. Is it timely? Well, is it timely to prepare for harvest? Is it timely to nourish lambs that are given to you? Is it timely to go to mill when another shells the corn for you? Is it timely to give your children the very best you can? We hold these things to be self-evident.

Those who have War Savings Stamps or Liberty Bonds, may pledge themselves to turn these over to the Board of Education. It is hoped that the entire Million Dollars will be subscribed before the Convention meets in January.

Wake Forest and Meredith will each receive $300,000. Chowan will receive $150,000. Our fourteen high schools will receive $250,000. Thus Colleges and High Schools will both be provided for.

Prayer

It is quite likely that never before were so many North Carolina Baptists praying for one thing as have been, and are, praying for the success of the Million Dollar Campaign. From cabins and from homes of plenty their prayers go up to the throne of Grace. The educated and the unlearned bow down together, for with the heart man prayeth. Surely these prayers go up to God as a sweet smelling savor.

And not only in North Carolina, but throughout the Southland the call is on for Christian Education, for note the following:

IMPORTANT MESSAGE AND GREETING

From the Executive Committee of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

To the South Fork District Baptist Association.

Dear Friends:

We are instructed by our executive committee to write you as follows:

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention and the W. M. U. at the last session in Hot Springs, Arkansas, is generally believed to be epoch making in our Baptist Educational work.

We have at last realized that we are face to face with the necessity of sending more of our children to High School, and on to College, or fail to do our part in furnishing leaders in church and state. The Convention endorsed a program calling for 35,000 students in our own schools and $15,000,000 for proper equipment in the next five years. Only by cooperative effort can this be done.

In addition to reaching our goal of 21 Standard Colleges in the South we must give larger attention to our Junior Colleges and Preparatory Schools.

We have not furnished our quota of Chaplains or Y. M. C. A. workers, yet, already there is an alarming scarcity of pastors. We need more trained workers, both in the pulpit and in the pew. For these we cannot depend on other than our Baptist schools.

President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker, and United States Commissioner Claxon, who are in position to know the war needs, urge that our schools and colleges be kept open and operating at full capacity in order that we may avoid the mistake made by England and France.

To the end that the home base may be strengthened and that righteousness and justice may be made first possible and then permanent in all the earth, your cooperation is desired to the extent of adopting the following as a part of your report on Christian Education.

1. We approve of the Southern Baptist Convention Five Year Educational Program.

2. We pledge our cooperation and loyalty to the schools of our State Convention.

3. We urge Baptist parents to send their children to school in larger numbers that we may furnish the necessary trained leaders in all war work, if the war must go on, and leaders in peace. when the war shall end.

4. We approve the plan of a debt paying Campaign in our Southern states where debts exist on Baptist school property. This campaign is to be had this fall in connection with the Liberty Loan Drive by a plan that meets the favor of those in charge of the war work.

J. W. CAMMACK, Secretary,
Richmond, Va.

Promises

Just one other thing. We all know something of the promises of God. We know they never fail. We know that we may work with this certainty, that God has promised to help us in every good enterprise, if we but do our part. Every one helping just a little each year will bring success.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Smith.

Pending adoption, the report was discussed by Drs. Living-

ston Mayes, Luther Little and Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

The report was adopted. By motion the Association adjourned until 2 p. m. for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met according to adjournment. After song. "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Rev. R. D. Carroll.

Visitors and brethren were welcomed to seats in the Association. Rev. I. M. Hildebrand, of Penelope, and who organized this, Belmont First church 43 years ago from the 4th of July last, was given a welcome by the Association rising.

W. W. Rimmer read the following:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Owing to the unfavorable conditions under which all institutions of its sort have labored, our Orphanage has had a very succesful year. Never before have our people responded so cheerfully and so liberally, and they have done it without distressing appeals. Let us continue to do so. The health of the children has never been beter. For this we are thankful. The number of children is practically unchanged. Present now, 497, of these 51 are at the Kennedy Home. Received during the year, 64. There have been some improvements in the buildings. We suggest that all the Sunday Schools take one collection monthly for the Orphanage and also take a collection for it on Thanksgiving Day. It costs about $12.12 per month to support each child. This work appeals to us all. Let us heartily support it.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Rimmer.

Pending adoption, the report was discussed by W. W. Rimmer and F. B. Hamrick of the Orphanage. The report was adopted.

W. C. Barrett submitted the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

All Missions is one work. There is one Lord commanding it. There is one reason for it—a lost world. There is one motive behind it—the love of God.

For convenience we have divided it into three departments of administration:- Foreign Missions,, Home Missions, State Missions.

State Missions in the task of permeating and transforming the life of the people of North Carolina with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We raised $45,273.00 last year. We were seeking to raise for this work this year $50,000. We have raised over $46,000.

There are Five Regular Departments.

1. Evengelization:—This is our first and greatest work. It is the root of all Baptist development. There were 160 men working in this department last year.

2. Church Buildings:—The first need when evangelization starts in a community is a church building. Our Mission Board

gives a small amount of help to weak churches and strategic points in erecting buildings. We have only $7,500 a year to put into this work. The Board could use to good advantage ten times that amount. One of the greatest hindrances to Baptists in North Carolina is poorly equipped church houses, and NO church houses. It is the policy of the Board to aid only Mission churches in building.

3. Sunday Schools:—This department is not supported out of State Mission funds, but is closely affiliated with the State Mission work. It is supported by the Baptist Sunday Schools of North Carolina and the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. The work is under the direction of Secretary E. L. Middleton of Raleigh, N. C.

4. B. Y. P. U.:—The object of this department is to teach our young people to do God's work, while the Sunday School teaches them to KNOW God's word.

The Sunday School Board at Nashville helps the State Board to support this work. Rev. J. D. Moore of Raleigh is Secretary.

5. Woman's Missionary Union:—The Sunday School Teaches to KNOW, the B. Y. P. U. trains to DO, the W. M. U. Does. Last year the Baptist women of North Carolina gave to Missions $63,-101 75. They gave $12,614.90 to State Missions.

ENLISTMENT

The work of Enlistment has been pushed by the Board of Missions under the direction of Secretary W. M. Johnson, through the co-operation of the pastors. The object of this department is to get all the members of all of the Baptist churches in the state to giving regularly and proportionately to all the objects of the Convention.

NEW DEPARTMENTS

Two new departments have recently been added to State Missions:

1. The Schools of Pastors and Workers:—There were nine of these schools last year, with an enrollment of 500 students. Secretary Johnson is planning for 60 schools next year, with an enrollment of 3,000. A five year course of study has been planned. It is hoped that these schools may be co-ordinated with two summer assemblies,—one at Wrightsville, and the other in the West.

2. Colportage Department:—This work is just getting started. Three lines of work has been mapped out.—(1) Selling Good Books. This is done through Colporteurs and mail orders. You may secure any good book on the market by writing to the Colportage Department of the Board of Missions, Raleigh, N. C. (2) Distribution of free tracts and literature. Much good literature has been wasted for the lack of means of distribution. (3) Enlarging the Circulation of the Biblical Recorder. The Board of Missions is lending its strength to this worthy Agent of the Baptists of the State, which we heartily endorse, and recommend that all the

churches and pastors of the South Fork Association cooperate with the Board in this effort to add 12,000 new subscribers to the Recorder this year.

THE ONE-MISSION DRIVE

The One Mission Drive has been proven by actual test to be sane and successful. Many of the churches have the One Mission plan. It works well in the local church and saves much expenses for our Mission Board.

We recommend the budget system with envelopes to the churches of the Association.

W. C. Barrett.

After an interesting speech by Dr. W. N. Johnson of Raleigh, the report was adopted.

W. C. Barrett offered the following:

RESOLUTION

Resolved:

(1) That the South Fork Association join heartily with our Board of Missions in the effort to add 12,000 new subscribers to the list of the Biblical Recorder, and that we undertake to secure 350 of these subscribers, that we apportion to each church of the Association one new subscriber in every twenty of its membership; and that we send statement of its appointment to each church directly from this Association with the request that the church pass on this matter at its first conference after the Association and that the new subscribers be secured and forwarded at once to the Board of Missions.

(2) That in order to reach some of the people in our churches who do not take the Recorder, and as an aid to our churches in keeping the Recorder and other phases of our work before their members, we recommend that the churches of this Association take a club of the Monthly Bulletin printed by the Board of Missions, each copy enclosing also a great Tract, at the rate of $1.00 per dozen per year.

(3) That this Association cooperate with the Board of Missions in the location and operation of one of the simultaneous and uniform Schools of Pastors and Workers to be held each year within the boundaries of this Association.

The resolution was adopted.

R. F. Craig read the following report:

MINISTERS RELIEF

The Baptist Ministers Relief Board was established twenty-eight years ago. During that time it has brought relief to one hundred and twenty-three needy beneficiaries—ministers and widows of ministers. There are at present several applications pending, showing that the increase of benificiaries may be expected to continue. The beneficiaries receive from $25 to $200. Many of them need more. Some of them have no other means of support.

We contributed to this cause last year $5.700, for the whole State

The Methodist Denomination contributed to the same cause $26,000; this seems to be too much difference, in other words, if it takes $26,000 to support the Old Ministers in the Methodist Denomination, the Old Ministers in the Baptist Denomination will soon perish to death, then we will be able to discontinue this work.

The State Board requests that each church give 5 per cent of the Salaries that are being paid the Pastors of the different churches, in other words if a church pays its Pastor $200, it would give to Old Ministers Relief $10. This amount to be paid regularly, same as we pay it to Orphanages and other benevolent purposes.

The State Board has contributed to about thirty six beneficiaries this year. Taking this as basis to figure from, we can readily see that the average amount paid to each one has been less than $200. Respectfully submitted.

After discussion by R. F.. Craig, W. C. Barrett and C. A. C. Thomas, the report was adopted.

By request, the Clerk submitted the following:

RESOLUTION

Whereas it hath pleased the Lord in his Providence to remove from us our oldest Pastor and untiring worker, Rev. J. A. Hoyle.

Therefore, be it resolved, that each church in the Association be asked to make a contribution between now and Jan. 1st, 1919 for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument to his memory.

And that the Moderator appoint a Committee to see that the Monument is erected.

The resolution was heartily adopted. The Moderator appointed on that committee—W. W. Erwin, W. R. Williams and G. P. Abernethy.

By request, the Clerk appoints the following Committee to audit the books of the South Fork Institute—A. L. Erwin, J. W. Whitley and R. F. Craig.

After the Committee on entertainment read the homes assigned delegates, the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m. Prayer by A. W. Setzer.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association met at 7:30. Song and prayer service was conducted by R. F. Craig.

The Moderator called the Association. G. P. Abernethy offered the following program for Friday's proceedings, completing program for this session as follows:

THURSDAY MORNING

11:00—Enrollment of Delegates.
11:15—Organization.
11:30—Christian Education.
12—Noon—Adjourn for dinner.
1:30—Devotional.

1:45—Orphanage.
2:30—State Missions.
3:30—Ministerial Relief.
3:50—Obituaries.
4:30—Adjournment.
7:30—Devotional.
8:00—Introductory Sermon.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:45—Devotional.
10:00—Digest of letters.
10:30—B. Y. P. U.
11:15—Sunday Schools.
11:45—Temperance.
12:00—Adjournment for dinner.
1:30—Devotional.
1:45—Woman's Work.
2:15—Home Missions.
3:00—Foreign Missions.
4:00—Miscellanious.

After song, Dr. J. L. Vipperman preached the annual sermon. Subject: "What right have Baptists to an independent Existence?"

Texts—Luke 1:1, Mat. 28:20, Rev. 14:4, Col. 1:24. A great sermon.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 9:45 tomorrow. Prayer by G. P. Abernethy.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9:45. Devotional exercises were conducted by S. A. Rhyne. After which, the Moderator called the Association to order.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The committee, appointed to audit the books of the South Fork Institute, reported by saying: "We have examined the same and find it correct."

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Place and Preacher for next session—T. J. Ramseur, R. L. Craig and L. P. Smith.

The Moderator appointed W. L. Walters a committee of one to audit the Treasurer's books.

By motion, R. G. Mace was instructed to write his report on digest of letters and send same to the Clerk for the minutes.

J. L. Vipperman made motion that the digest of letters be published in time for distribution at the sessions of the Association. The motion carried.

W. C. Barrett made a motion that a committee be appointed to get up a form for the digest of letters to be printed.

The motion carried and the following committee was appointed: J. L. Vipperman, W. C. Barrett and W. R. Bradshaw.

The committee on nominations made the following report:

FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee appointed to nominate members of the Executive Committee beg to report as follows:

For two years—J. T. Ervin.

For three years—T. J. Ramseur, R. F. Craig and W. J. Clifford.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Setzer,

L. P. Smith.

F. M. Huggins submitted the following:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

What is a B. Y. P. U.? A B. Y. P. U. is simply an organization of the young people of a Baptist church for the purpose of training its own constituency in church membership.

Let us analyze this definition.

(1) It is an organization, not merely a gathering. This organization consists of a sufficient number of officers for their fitness and consecration to the work, the proper grouping of the members, and the appointing of group captains for each division. This locates responsibility and insures the best work.

(2) It is an organization of the young people, not the old people, not the deacons. Yet the older people and the deacons are encouraged to attend, and in some instances should become members. But this is our organization for the young people.

(3) It is an organization of the young people of the church. It does not extend beyond the church, except to enroll associate members who may be inclined to join. It does aim to enroll every young man and woman, every boy and girl in the church. No Union has accomplished its greatest work until it has enlisted all these.

(4) The fourth element in this definition is self-training, self-development. They are not to be trained, but to train themselves. This is the young peoples' work and they should be permitted to do it themselves. To be sure they will need the guidance of the pastor or some capable member in getting started, and all the time the Union will need the encouragement and sympathetic support of the pastor, but the young people must feel that the work is theirs.

(5) This training is to be for church membership. In this organization the young people learn how to do the work of the church. Our churches every where are in need of trained leaders. The B. Y. P. U. meets this need.

Your committee, therefore recommends:

(1) That a B. Y. P. U. be organized in every church in the Association.

(2) That the Union now organized offer their assistance in the organization of other Unions.

(3) That the young people of our various churches not having Unions write our B. Y. P. U. Sec'y Rev. J. D. Moore, Raleigh, N. C., for literature and suggestions about the organization of a Union.

(4) That all the Unions send delegates to the B. Y. P. U. Convention meeting at Asheville, June 10, 11, 12, 1919.

Respectfully,

F. M. Huggins.

Pending adoption, the report was discussed by F. M. Huggins.

The report was adopted.

R. G. Mace sends in the following report as directed by the Association:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

In submitting this report, I desire to state that I did not consider it wise to include all the statistics of the Association, owing to the possibility of delaying the publicatioation of the minutes. I have, therefore included only those items that seemed to me to be most important.

I, therefore, beg to offer the following:

It is very gratifying to note that the contributions to benevolence have incresed very handsomely during the past year. At the meeting of our Association last year, the churches reported a grand total to all the benevolent objects of $8803.83. This year, the reports show a grand total of $10,998.46, an increase of $2,-194.63.

Another encouraging feature of the reports is a hopeful increase in the total paid to pastor's salary. At the session of 1917, the total paid to pastor's salary was $19,453.84. This year the total amounted to $23,107.26, an increase of $3653.42.

But while we are grateful for these helpful features, we find no occasion for rejoicing over the spirituality of the churches if we are to use the number of baptisms as a criterion; 554 baptisms were reported last year while only 431 are reported this year, a decrease of 123. This decrease is perhaps due to the stress of the times in which we live. There was also a falling off in the number of church members reported. Only 7468 members are reported this year as against 7891 last year, a decrease of 423. This, however, should not be viewed with alarm as a decrease in numbers does not necessarily mean a loss of power.

The numbers of church members enrolled in the Sunday Schools shows an increase of 624 over last year. Last year's figures being 2545 against 3169 this year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. Mace.

J. W. Whitley submits the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There has been a wonderful growth in our Sunday School work in our State within the last twenty years. In 1897, there were reported 914 Sunday schools with a membership of 66,046. Last year there were reported 2,151 schools with an enrollment of 219,971. The number of schools and their membership has grown much faster than the number of churches and their membership. This is as it should be until more of our members are enlisted and the multitudes of unsaved are brought into the Sunday school.

Only about 95,000 of the 290,000 members of our churches are enrolled in our Sunday schools. This is an alarming fact and should give us great concern. Within the bounds of our own Association, we have 57 churches with a membership of 7891 and a Sunday school enrollment of 7571. But there are only 2545 members of the churches enrolled or a little more than 32 per cent of our church membership. This is below the state average which is a little more than 33 per cent. We certainly should not be contented until we are above the State average. We should strive to be an asset rather than a liability.

Since we have 5246 church-members who are not enrolled in our Sunday schools, we desire to make the following recommendations:

1. That more attention be given to evangelism in our Sunday schools than has been because such a large percentage of our baptisms come from our Sunday schools, and because there was a falling off last year in our State in the total number of baptisms.

2. That each pastor be requested to stress teacher training in his church or churches as the case may be.

3. That each church be requested to ascertain just how many of that 5246 belongs to their respective church and then make a definite effort to enlist them in the Sunday school work using the Home Department where necessary.

4. That we have two Sunday school institutes within the bounds of our Association during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Whitley.

Pending adoption, the report as discussed by J. W. Whitley and Dr. Livinston Mays.

The report was adopted.

G. P. Abernethy submits the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERENCE

The progress of prohibition for this year has been marvelous. We have just secured War Time Prohibition, under which the sale of all sorts of intoxicating liquors will close on the first day of July, 1919, and the manufacture will close soon. The President has already given an order to the brewers that they must close up

on the first day of Dec. 1918.

The ratification of National Prohibition by the necessary thirty-six states is only a question of time. Fourteen States through their Legislatures, have already ratified it and the Anti-Saloon League confidently expects to secure the other twenty-two by the first of March, 1919. The law will then become effective Twelve Months later, in time to take the place of war-time Prohibition, which of course will cease after demobilization. Therefore, it is safe to say that we will have no more liquor making or liquor selling under the sanction of the law after next July.

World-wide Prohibition is only a question of time. There is a conference of temperance leaders from several nations in session this week in Columbus, O. It is their purpose to lay plans for a world-wide campaign for Prohibition.

The Board of Trustees of the Anti-Saloon League, which met Sept. 26, has outlined our legislative policy for our next General Assembly, and according to this we will ask the Legislature, First, to ratify the national amendment; Second, to establish the office of Prohibition Commissioner, whose duty it will be, with his helpers, to break up blockading and liquor selling; Third, to enact an ouster law by which any community can get rid of law enforcement officers who do not enforce the law; Fourth to prohibit the sale of bitters, extracts, Jamaica ginger and other proprietary medicines now commonly used instead of intoxicating liquors.

This is a good program and we hope that the General Assembly will have no trouble in passing it.

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. Abernethy.

The report was discussed by G. P. Abernethy, and adopted.

T. J. Ramseur submits the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

We sadly need a denominational conscience in regard to the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptist State Convention.

The paper was born of a necessity. In founding the Recorder the Convention and not the publisher took the iniative. At the third session of the Convention the brethren saw the need of some medium of communication, if the churches were to be brought into co-operation in carrying on the work of the denomination. The need for such medium was expressed on the floor of the Convention, and Rev. Thomas Meredith said it was his intention to begin the publication of a paper on his own responsibility, but he would be glad to dedicate it to the service of the denomination if the brethren so desired. With hearty unanimity the paper was adopted and Mr. Meredith published it as long as he lived.

It was in 1833 the Recorder was founded. It has had a chequered career through the eighty-five years of its eventful life. It has received praise and censure. It has been endorsed by numberless associations and conventions, and criticized by some. For

more than three quarters of a century it has been the denominational pack-horse. It has borne the burdens of others without complaint, while those whose burdens it has borne have been content, for the most part, to let the paper struggle on under its own burdens. About the only thing that has been freely given is advice. This, when given in the right spirit, it was appreciated; but something more substantial would have made it easier, oftentimes. to have followed the advice so generously bestowed.

What the paper needs just now, more than anything else, is that the Baptists of North Carolina shall have a conference in regard to the Recorder. They should feel under obligation to support the agency which they admit is essential to the successful prosecution of all our work. The Recorder is not a liability but an asset. The denomination needs the Recorder far more than the Recorder needs the denomination. If the publication of the Recorder should be suspended the Recorder Company would not suffer seriously, but who would undertake to say what the result upon our work would be if the Recorder should cease to make its weekly visits into the homes of our people?

We are glad to know that Secretary Walter M. Johnson, realizing the great value of the Recorder to our denomination, is using his influence to have the circulation of the Recorder increased.

It is the earnest desire of the Recorder Company and the editor to make the paper of greatest possible service to the Kingdom of God. In the undertaking they should have the hearty support and co-operation of the churches of the State.

We cordially commend the plan proposed by Secretary Johnson, and hope it will be adopted by this Association and put in operation by the churches.

We find that our wide-awake church workers are readers of the Recorder. To keep posted as to our needs and to keep informed as to what the churches are doing, we must be readers of the Recorder.

We hope that all of our churches will take hold of Brother Johnson's plan earnestly and that we may add 12,000 new subscribers to our Biblical Recorder list.

Respectfully submitted,
Thos. J. Ramsaur.

The report was discussed by Rev. W. R. Beach and was adopted.

The special committee submits the report on:

PLACE A PREACHER

Time of next session, Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1919. Place, Lincolnton First Church. To preach the introductory sermon, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. Alternate, Rev. J. W. Whitley.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee.

By motion, the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m. for dinner. Prayer by Dr. Livingston Mays.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled at 1:30. Moderator calls the Association to order. Prayer by J. L. Vipperman.

A. W. Setzer submitted the following report on:

SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

At the last session of this body, the trustees of South Fork Institute were instructed to make sale of the property held by the Institution.

The trustees have, up to this time, sold the Main Building for $1800.00 and the Girls' Dormitory for $3500. There remains to be sold the Boy's Dormitory which is being held at $1500.00. Both of the above sales were made for part cash and the balance in deferred payments.

A. W. Setzer, for Trustees.

In connection with the Trustees report, the Moderator calls W. C. Barrett to the chair and as Secretary and Treasurer of South Fork Institute, submitted his annual report which with report was adopted.

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

Receipts and disbursements from Oct. 31, 1917, to Nov. 20, 1918.

1917	
October 31 To balance cash in hand - - -	$ 5.29
October 31 From A. W. Setzer personal property sold	100.36
November 1 From J. S. Connell, piano - - -	1.00
December 13 From A. W. Setzer sale of personal property	39.10
1918	
February 1 From Maiden Graded School - -	10.00
February 1 From J. S. Connell, piano - - -	79.00
March 15 From Maiden Graded School - -	190.00
May 16 From A. W. Setzer per rent of C. W. Warlick	27.00
June 19 A. W. Setzer per rent of C. W. Warlick -	6.00
July 18 A. W. Setzer per rent of C. W. Warlick -	9.00
September 1 From A. W. Setzer per rent of C. W. Warlick	6.00
September 20 From T. J. Ramseur, donation - -	10.31
September 20 From Mrs. T. J. Ramseur, donation -	10.31
September 20 From R. L. Craig, donation - -	10.31
September 20 From Osborne Brown, donation - -	10.31
September 23 From J. D. Elliott, donation - -	10.31
September 15 From P. C. Costner, donation - -	500.00
September 15 From A. W. Setzer, rents per C. W. Warlick	6.00
Balance Overdraft, J. W. Whitley - - - -	10.31
Balance Overdraft, W. C. Barrett - - -	10.31

Balance Overdraft, W. C. Mullen	10.31
Balance Overdraft, S. T. Gaddy	10.31
November 10 Total receipts	$1071.58

Disbursements.

1917	
November 20 To First National Bank, Hickory	100.00
November 20 To First National Bank, Hickory	4.50
December 19 To Shuford National Bank, Newton	26.94
1918	
January 11 To First National Bank, Hickory	1.68
January 11 To Smyre Hardware Co.	3.50
February 1 To McClelland, O. G.—Insurance	16.20
February 1 To Highland Baptist church	3.00
February 7 To A. C. Cloninger	6.00
March 14 To First National Bank, Hickory	225.00
March 14 To W. C. Feimster	2.40
June 21 To Shuford National Bank	65.96
July 18 To First National Bank, Hickory	1.12
August 1 To J. H. Harrelson	5.50
September 20 To Newton Land and Loan Co., Insurance	42.34
October 23 To W. C. Feimster	13.50
October 25 To Shuford National Bank, Newton	3.60
October 25 To Shuford National Bank, Newton	500.00
November 16 To First National Bank, Hickory	11.63
Total disbursements	$1032.87
Balance on hand	38.71
Total	$1071.58

Respectfully submitted,
Osborne Brown, Sec.-Treasurer.

The committee on nominations make the following report:

MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

1. We nominate J. D. Elliott as a member of the State Mission Board.

2. Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

3. Delegates to the State Convention, Brethren W. L. Waters, R. F. Craig and J. O. Allen.

J. L. Vipperman,
J. W. Whitley,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Rev. J. A. Snow submitted the following:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The total number of societies reported by the Woman's Mis-

sionary Union, auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is 1487. The total amount contributed last year by the Union is $59,731.77.

The South Fork Union reports this year 39 societies which have contributed the grand total af $2200.00.

The greatest need in the South Fork is trained leaders and in view of this fact, we would suggest that in our next school for Christian Workers, that one hour each day be given for the training of leaders for said work in our churches, and would further suggest that the Union furnish a teacher in said school. In our country churches wonders would be accomplished, if they only had leaders.

When our eyes are opened, we will come with rich gifts. We will bring the alabaster box of ointment, the gifts of a lifetime, epochal offering, and rejoice to do. As rich gifts, often sacrificed between mother and child, husband and wife, mark epochs in lives of continued devotion, and eyes filled with bright tears and smiles, tremulous with happiness, spring to the lips of the giver long after, so these gifts will be lasting memorials in our hearts, pledges of life-long devotion to our Master.

It should be the joyful privilege of every pastor to encourage and to aid in every way possible this, so great a work, that is being done by such a band of faithful workers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Abner Snow.

J. L. Vipperman submitted the following:

RESOLUTION RESPECTING THE DEATH OF BRO. J. A. HOYLE

(1) Resolved by this Association that we record our deep appreciation of the labors of this servant of Christ, throughout the bounds of our Association has been more abundant in labours and service that any one in our bounds as to the extent and length, being the oldest pastor in our Association.

With joy and yet through sacrifice he preached Christ, baptized the saved and organized more churches than any one within our bounds. He was pre-eminently an evangelist; he preached the New Testament with all his power. To his honor let it be said he was never accused of running off after new fads or holding to any ecentric error, etc., but stuck to the task of preaching a plain New Testament gospel, which was blessed of God in the salvation of many souls.

(2) Resolved second, that we deeply sympathize with the blessed family and bow in submission to the will of our Lord in the home going of this messenger of the "Cross."

His friends are almost without number. May our blessed Lord raise up many who shall come after him to preach His Everlast Gospel and out of this number may God call many who were won to Christ by Bro. Hoyle.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Vipperman.

J. T. Ervin offered the following:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the affairs of South Fork Institute are being liquidated and it appearing that there will be a balance on hand of approximately $5,000.00 which ought to be doing service in some department of the Lord's work; and in as much as the work of South Fork Institute was for Christian Education, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this money be retained until the sum amounts to $5,000.00, or not later than Jan. 1st, 1924, and then be paid to the Board of the Baptist State Convention to be used as an endowment of two South Fork scholarships—one at Wake Forest College and the other at Meredith College, the bestowal of these scholarships to be in the hands of the Executive Committee of the South Fork Association, with the understanding that worthy students in the above institutions from the South Fork Association be given the preference.

The resolution was adoped.

A. W. Setzer submitted the following report:

HOME MISSIONS

The most urgent mission task that confronts us today is the spiritualization of the life of the New South. The astonishing increase of the South's wealth will crush the souls of the people, if they are not strong enough to master it for spiritual ends. And only a vital religious life and service can give the strength.

In the South's unmixed native American blood and evangelical faith, Southern Christian bodies have had and still have their best chance to show what they can do for God, people and country. It is at once our radiant opportunity and our supreme religious responsibility.

Baptists are now the most numerous evangelical body in America. Amercan Baptists have five-sixths of their members in the South. Here we greatly outnumber any other religious group. Only yesterday, we felt burdened beyond our strength in trying to solve the problem of spiritualizing the South's new wealth. And while the battle was still on as to whether we had religion enough to master our wealth, we were swept into the whirlpool of the greatest war in history.

No people was ever great enough to overcome the downpull of such overwhelming forces, except as they placed their faith in the strength of God and his Christ. A greatly enlarged program of Home Missions has been our almost instinctive response to such challenges. While our people have humbled themselves to their knees, they have, through the instruction of the Southern Baptist Convention, ordered their Home Board to undertake tasks that formerly we would have considered far beyond us.

In days of trial we instinctively turn to the foundation of things, which in prosperity we are likely to forget. The modest Home Missionary has always wrought among the foundations, near the soil. It is the inspiration of God which, in this hour of unusual stress, has prompted Southern Baptists, greatly to multiply the number and increase the efficiency of these modest messengers of God's truth.

The Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Home Board to outline its work for this year on the basis of a million-dollar apportionment. It told this Board to enlarge greatly its efforts to serve. Especially did it declare for large and worthy efforts to help our soldier boys. Not fewer than one in five of the boys in the army are from Baptist homes and have Baptist preferences. To serve and safeguard the deepest needs of these boys of ours in a time when they will be subjected to severe and unaccustomed stress and trial is the ranking mission task of Southern Baptists at this hour.

The Home Board is momentarily increasing its successful work in the army camps. This calls for greatly enlarged giving by our people. It calls for a doubling or more of the contributions of our churches to Home Missions. But our people are well able to do this. Every noble impulse will inspire us to declare that we will do it. For country and human liberty our boys are giving their all. A loyal Baptist cannot afford to do less and will do no less than his best in helping to guide and stand by these boys in their deepest spiritual longings and needs.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That all our pastors and churches give frequent special seasons of preaching and praying for Home Missions, and of giving to the work.

2. That this Association gladly accept and apportion among the churches its increased apportionment for Home Missions.

3. That our pastors and women be requested to arouse an interest in the unusually vital Home Mission Study books issued by the Home Mission Board, and to urge the formation of Mission Study Classes in these books.

4. We urge that our pastors and workers order and make a larger use of the splendid free Home Mission tracts issued by our Board. An order of a "one-each" package will enable each to determine for himself which tracts are suitable for his church. Orders for tracts and books should be addressed to the Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Setzer.

Pending adoption, W. R. Bradshaw submitted the following:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Southern Baptist Convention in session at Hot Springs in May decided that in order to take care of our Foreign Mission

work, Southern Baptists should be requested to give one and a half million dollars to this cause before the next meeting of the Convention. Compared with Southern Baptists numbers and wealth, and with what they are doing for other objects and what others are doing for Foreign Missions, this amount is small.

The Foreign Mission fields represent a thousand millions of the people, the most destitute and needy of all the inhabitants of the earth. The work conducted includes everything that our people and our churches are doing at home. A million and a half dollars for this work will not equal a tenth of what we are doing on the same lines the thirty-odd millions who live in the South, to say nothing of the help which other Chrisitans and denominations are going to provide privileges for the people at home. A million and a half dollars is a great advance upon what we have been doing, and we will have to better ourselves to realize it, but it does not measure our full duty in this matter.

God's blessings are upon Foreign Missions. Even the war is helping instead of hindering this great enterprise which Southern Baptists are conducting. There were 6,290 baptisms last year. We have now 464 churches on all the fields, of which 141 have assumed self-support. We have a church membership above 53,000 with 715 Sunday Schools, enrolling more than 34.000 scholars. In other schools which we are conducting we have enrolled nearly 9,000 scholars. We are conducting theological schools in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, South America. We have but few doctors under appointment, and yet these gave more than 100,000 treatments last year. By His blessing upon the work God is inviting us to enlarge it.

Eighteen new missionaries were appointed in June and many others are greatly needed. Doors of opportunity are open everywhere.

Every pastor and every church in the association is admonished to lay large plans, organize the forces, and press vigorously the greatest campaign we have ever undertaken for Foreign Missions. Every Christian in this nation is at this time called distinctly to this international Christian service. This Association should undertake to raise a worthy part of the million and a half dollars, and every church should voluntarily increase its contribution proportionately. The amount of increase for the whole South is 75 per cent. We recommend that the churches of the Association attempt the same increase.

The HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS, prce fifty cents, is recommended to all church members. The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., furnishes FREE of charge tracts for distribution. Order this magazine and these tracts, and inform yourself concerning what God is doing through Southern Baptists throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. Bradshaw.

The two reports were discussed jointly by W. R. Bradshaw, W. C. Barrett, J. L. Vipperman and G. P. Abernethy.

The two reports were adopted jointly.

J. L. Vipperman submitted the following:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be hereby extended to the Pastor, membership and people of this community for their very great kindness shown in entertaining this body in such a royal and splendid way.

Respectfully submitted,
Judson A. Vipperman.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts.

Minute Fund	$70.85
State Missions	54.91
Home Missions	36.05
Foreign Missions	24.72
Ministerial Education	5.25
Ministerial Relief	9.70
Orphanage	29.48
Total Receipts	$230.96

Disbursements.

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November 12 By check, J. F. Click, services as clerk	15.00
November 12 By check, J. F. Click, to pay for Minutes	55.85
November 12 By check, Walters Durham, State Missions	54.91
November 12 By check Walters Durham, Home Missions	36.05
November 12 By check Walters Durham, Foreign Missions	24.72
November 12 By check to Walters Durham, Min. Education	5.25
November 12 By check, Walters Durham, Ministerial Relief	9.70
November 12 By check, F. B. Hamrick, Treas., Orphanage	29.48
Total Disbursements	$230.96

Respectfully submitted, this 22nd day of Nov. 1918.
J. O. Allen, Treasurer.

I, the committee, appointed to audit the report of J. O. Allen, Treasurer, beg leave to report that we find his report correct.
W. L. Walters, Committee.

The report was adopted.

G. P. Abernethy submitted the following:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that two full days should be given to the annual sessions of the South Fork Association, and that we request the churches to insist upon their del-

egates remaining till the Association adjourns, and that we adopt the State Convention's plan in the discussion of subjects.

Respectfully submitted.

G. P Abernethy.

The resolution was adopted.

The Moderator appointed W. R. Bradshaw and J. A. Snow to write a program for next session and send the same to the Clerk in time to be printed in these minutes.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to write reports for next session:

WRITERS AND SUBJECTS

Foreign Missions	J. A. Snow
Home Missions	J. L. Vippermon
State Missions	J. W. Whitley
Woman's Work	J. S. Connell
Sunday Schools	G. P. Abernethy
Biblical Recorder	F. M. Huggins
Education	C. A. G. Thomas
Ministers' Relief	S. T. Gaddy
Obituaries	W. W. Rimmer
Digest of Church Letters	Clerk of Association
Temperance	L. P. Smith
B. Y. P. U.	R. G. Mace
Orphanage	A. W. Setzer

By motion the, Association assumed the debt on a certain lot near Gastonia. The same was bargained for, on which to erect a new church.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to look after the same: J. L. Vipperman, J. A. Snow and W. R. Bradshaw, who were instructed to have the deed made to the First Baptist Church, of Gastonia.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to get up a suitable form for digest of church letters and report same at next session—J. L. Vipperman, W, C. Barrett and W. R. Bradshaw.

By motion, it was ordered that the Clerk be paid $15 for superintending the printing and sending out the minutes to the churches.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Lincolnton First Church at 11 a. m., on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1919.

While singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." the delegates separated by giving each other a hearty handshaking.

Osborne Brown, Moderator,

J. F. Click, Clerk.

NOTE—The delay in getting out the minutes was caused by scarcity of paper and flu among printers.—J. F. Click, Clerk.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Gain			Loss					
	Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	By Letter	Exclusion	By Death	Males	Females	Membership
Alexis	2	4		11		1	51	65	116
Belmont First	4	8		7		2	106	132	238
Bethel	1	1					33	51	84
Brookford	12	13		8		1	26	66	92
Bruington	7	5		4		1	53	57	110
Catawba							28	49	77
Centerview	5	2					36	35	71
Corinth	5	2	2	3		1	45	77	122
Dallas	6	8		4			79	71	150
Denver				5	1	1	11	12	23
East Belmont	6	63	1	26	6	3	107	181	288
East Gastonia	26	48	4	97	68	7	171	255	426
Faith	1	2					27	17	44
First Gastonia	26	57	1	24	1	3	218	295	513
First Hickory	15	24	1	14		3	147	218	365
Hickory Grove	1		2	5		1	84	83	167
Highland	16	17		15		3	40	90	130
High Shoals		2	2	14			21	44	65
Kidds Chapel	5	1				1	25	41	66
Lawings Chapel	12	6		9			61	83	144
Leonard's Fork	7			4			41	68	109
Lincolnton Ave.	5	3		19	1	2	41	50	91
Lincolnton First	18	9		16		1	72	120	192
Long Creek	8	10				1	77	105	182
Long Shoals		5		3			15	28	43
Loray	15	33	3	58	38	1	93	217	310
Lowell	14	10	2	21		2	46	107	153
Macedonia	14	7		1		4	88	113	201
Maiden	5	15		13		2	86	114	200
Mayowrth	13	13		20		2	30	51	81
McAdenville	19	8	1	15		1	109	146	255
Mtn. Grove	1			1			33	34	67
Mtn. View	8	2				2	33	54	87
Mt. Beulah	5	10		2			46	35	81
Mt. Holly	11	23	1	18		3	121	180	301
Mt. Ruhama	5			3	3	1	95	115	210
Newton	1	14		5	5	1	96	99	195
Olivet	15	4	1	4		2	92	115	207
Penelope	3	5					14	22	36
Providence	19	8	1	2			32	56	88
Piney Grove	5	11		4			35	50	85
Reepsville	2		1				24	17	41
River View	4	9		19	1		41	71	112
Salem	10	13				1	52	85	137
Sandy Plains	11	17		3		1	71	87	158
Sharon	8	1				1	24	39	63
South Gastonia	6	85		19		1	60	89	149
Spencer Mtn.	5	1		2			25	48	93
Startown							4	12	16
Thessalanica				3			4	11	15
Tuckeseege	5						41	60	101
Warlick's	6	3		10			20	59	79
Webbs Chapel	1	1					23	35	58
West Hickory	6	16		17		2			201
Total	405	609	23	528	124	58	3053	4414	7467

NOTE.—Amity, Cedar Grove, Macedonia and Mt. Zion sent in no report. Last year they reported 530 members.—Clerk.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Inncidental Expenses	S. School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Totals
Alexis	200.00		59 45	25.00		1.00	10.00	295.45
Belmont, First.	1000.00		598.74	80.52	6.10	5.00	350.55	2040.91
Bethel	75.00		25.10					100.10
Brookford	300.00		25.00	45.00	15.00	1.00		386.00
Bruington	420.00		15.91	20.50			49.37	390.27
Catawba	125.00					1.00		126.00
Center View ..	130.06	200.00	34.33	3.27		1.10	24.84	292.50
Corinth	120.00			8.00				128.00
Dallas	720.00	1728.39	503.15	223.15	22.25	2.00	32.57	3231.51
Denver						1.25		1.25
East Belmont .	983.00	1446.64	185.64	105.82	66.19	2.30	139.88	2929.47
East Gastonia.	1730.00	1581.10	466.23	206.32	39.60	5 00	212.08	4240.33
Faith	50.00		25.00	2.66		.50		78.16
Gastonia, First	2300.00		1105.56	261 92	228.98	5.00	2365.08	6266.54
Hickory, First .	1820.00	155.00	692.95	293.63	43.35	5.00	1009.00	4018.93
Hickory Grove.	400.00	105.00	18 87	46.40		1.50	5.09	576.86
Highland	450.00	353.13	64.07	49 55		1.50	65.42	983.67
High Shoals ..	200.00	120.35		114.64			14.00	448 99
Kidd's Chapel.	75.00		21.00	8.00	2.00			106.00
Lawings Chapel	153.00	20.00	1.00	19 00		1.30	33.25	227.55
Leonard's Fork	100.00					.75		100.75
Lincolnton Ave.	260.25	48.93	56.58	29.21		2.15		397.12
Lincolnton First	984 37	103.00	191.04	123.80	12.85	3.00	25.00	1443.06
Long Creek ..	676.40	14.50	67.66	438.56	14.85	1.40	811.41	2024.78
Long Shoals ..	40.00			10.00		.50		50.50
Loray	1325 00	1089.11	380.56	124.85	20.00	3.00	157.00	3099.62
Lowell	486.98	700.00	21.60	60.00		1.50	294.27	1464.35
Macedonia ...	206.25			5.83	22.50	.40	75.50	310.48
Maiden	312 00	300.00	32.00	175.00	50.00	1.50	50.81	921.31
Mayworth	197.27			31.60		1.50	93.55	323.92
McAdenville ..	925.60	537.00	44.89	176.24	36.66	3 00	333.87	1877.26
Mtn. Grove ...	200.00		6.00	26.01		1.00	25.34	258.35
Mtn. View	85.00			25 00	17.00	.70	33.00	160.70
Mt. Beulah ...	195.00			35.65		1.00	27.10	258.75
Mt. Holly	1500.00	459.20	195.92	101.70	9.32	6.06	35.34	2307.48
Mt. Ruhama ..	181.33	37.55	37.55	1.46	53.20	2.50	62 20	355.79
Newton	700.00	78.00	91.00	45 00		3.00	687.50	1604.50
Olivet	500.00	10.00	27.70	50.00	77.00	3.00	19.43	687.13
Penelope	100.00			27.85		.50		128.30
Providence ...	125.00	100.00	1 00	6.00		1.00	47.20	280.20
Piney Grove .	100.00		26.00	7.00		1.00		134.00
Reepsville	25.00							25.00
River View ...	250.00		75.10	20.67	16.25	2 00	62.88	426.90
Salem	85.00			8.00				93.00
Sandy Plains .	250.00	45.00	23.67	47 89	20.00	2.00	50.00	438.56
Sharon	65.00		18.91	2.50		.70		87.11
South Gastonia	520.00	1653.13	30.38	35.00	16.75	2 50	216.64	2474.40
Spencer Mtn. .	182.85			73.10			384.33	640.28
Startown	75.00							75.00
Thessalonica ..	50.00					.30	6 00	56.30
Tuckasege ...	200.00		10.00	55.00	18.00			283.00
Warlick's	150.00	86.48	1.50	5 00		1.00	85.34	329.32
Webb's Chapel	68.00	35.05	2.00	7.00			11.75	123.05
West Hickory .	800.00	139.50	76 24	46.00	18.54	1.50	93.45	1174.69
	23172.36	11146.06	5259.30	3311.80	876 33	82.85	8000.04	51848.79

NOTE—Amity, Cedar Grove, Lucia and Mt. Zion sent in no report.—Clerk.

BENEVOLENT OBJECTS

NAME OF CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday S. Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Minister's Relief	TOTAL
Alexis	13.20	8.00	8.00		20.00		1.00	50.20
Belmont, First.	153.68	119.06	186.19	45.13	107.51	117.96	17.08	746.61
Bethel	7.00	2.00	1.00	.76	3.00		3.00	16.76
Brookford	22 00	22.00	22.00		18.00			84.00
Bruington	20.45	11.50	10.00		53.00	7.00	6.00	107.95
Catawba	5.00	5.00	4.00		4.00	1.39	1.50	20 80
Center View ..		5.33	4.28		10.35			19.96
Corinth	5.00	4.00	3.00		3.00		1 00	16.00
Dallas	75.00	75.00	75.00	51.75	107.33	15.00	10.00	409.08
Denver	19.25	5.00	5.00					29.25
East Belmont .	120.10	66.30	89.78		169.13	25.20	16.86	487.37
East Gastonia.	342.00	135.00	202.30		330.36	62.00		1071.66
Faith	10.68	4.44	6.66		1.00		1.00	23.78
Gastonia, First	646.26	866.09	473.91	42.83	531.63	286.61	123.97	2971.21
Hickory, First.	419.08	231.95	303.33	5.00	102.50	38.00	26.35	1126.21
Hickory Grove.	75.64	40.00	40.00		136.27	14.00	23.45	328.45
Highland	15.89	15.88	15.88	16.59	25.93			90.17
High Shoals ..	19.00	22.00	19.00		41.52			101.52
Kidd's Chapel.	30.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	63.00
Lawings Chapel	10.00	10.00	12.00		25.18			57.18
Leonard's Fork	7.50	7.50	7.50		7.50		5.00	35.00
Lincolnton Ave.	5.00	5.00	5.00		5.00		5.00	25.00
Lincolnton First	34.00	12.38	28.65		201.21	17.91		294.15
Long Creek ..	53.12	10.00	48.12	2.86	18.18	15.00	15.00	171.28
Long Shoals ..	4.00	4.00	4.00		8.00			20.00
Loray	133.93	64.55	69.54	14.59	116.92	10.00	6.76	416.29
Lowell	8.30	8.43	8.30		19.01			44.04
Macedonia ...		4.00	4.00		5.38		4.00	17.38
Maiden	8.00	9.00	10.00	5 00	28.65	2.75	36.00	99.40
Mayworth	20.75	16.52	24.78					62.05
McAdenville ..	52.20	30.65	96.35		20.00			199.20
Mtn. Grove ...	20.00	13 00	11.87	2.00	15.47		2.00	64.34
Mtn. View	3.74		5.00	6.75	5.36			20.85
Mt. Beulah ...	5.00	5.00	5.00		28.39		2.50	45.89
Mt. Holly	41.97	41.97	41.97		80.95		5.00	211.86
Mt. Ruhama ..			12.72		9 32		9.00	31.04
Newton	50.43	65.00	60.00	18.85	92.00	25.00		311.28
Olivet	44.46	30.34	30.81	5.00	31.80	9.80	7.61	159.82
Penelope	5 50	7.00	6.80		19.21	2.77	5.00	46.28
Providence ...	12.60	4.00	9.00		9.95		1.47	37.02
Piney Grove .	3.00	4.40	6.60	1.50	16.25	1.25		38.00
Reepsville	4.80		3.80					8.60
River View ...	12.20	13.27	18.86	3 25	82.35	10.90	3.55	144.38
Salem	5.88	5.88	5.89	4.00		1.55		23.20
Sandy Plains .	56.64	17.79	7 85		72.05			154.33
Sharon	6.00	6.00	6.00		2.30		2.00	22.30
South Gastonia	20.00				73.56			93.56
Spencer Mtn. .	4 50	3.00	4.25					11.75
Startown	5.00	3.00	5.00		5.00		1.00	19.00
Thessalonica ..	2.64	1.42	.85		1.26			6.17
Tuckasege ...	5.00		5 00		13.10			23.10
Warlick's	10.00	9.00	9.00	1.50	10.00	5 00	4.60	49.10
Webb's Chapel	4.50	3.00	2.00		2.00		1.50	13.00
West Hickory .	87.30	18.62	19 83		26.50	2.52		154.77
Total	2747.19	2077.18	2070.67	230.36	2721.38	681.61	353.20	10881.59

NAME OF CHURCHES	When Organized	NAME OF PASTORS	Seating Capacity	Value of Church Property	Sunday of Preaching	Church Clerks and Addresses
Alexis	1903	W. W. Rimmer	400	$ 1500	2	Stephen Stroup .....Alexis
Belmont, First.	1874	F. M. Huggins	500	10500	*	W. H. Stowe .....Belmont
Bethel	1895	H. B.Chronister	500	500	1	W. C. Mullen ....Lincolnton
Brookford	1907	S. A. Rhyne ..	300	2300	2, 4	Albert Edwards ..Brookford
Bruington	1853	W. W. Rimmer	400	1200	1, 3	J. O. Smith .....Stanley
Catawba	1875	J. B. Pruett ..	500	3000	1	D. L. Wike .....Catawba
Center View ..	1914	L. R. Williams	500	1400	4	J. F. Hovis .....Maiden
Corinth	1855	J. M. Ballard .	500	800	4	G. W. Wood .....Reepsville
Dallas	1877	J. L.Vipperman	800	12000	2, 4	J. R. Lewis .....Dallas
Denver	1914	None			none	H. N. Abernethy ....Denver
East Belmont .	1912	R. G. Mace ..	600	7500	*	W. L. Chapman ....Belmont
East Gastonia.	1901	J. W. Whitley	600	30000	*	Erla Griffin .....Gastonia
Faith	1906	A. E. Teague .	300	1200	4	B. E. Ballard ..Iron Station
Gastonia, First	1884	W. C. Barrett	600	25000	*	J. M. Shuford ....Gastonia
Hickory, First.	1870	W. R.Brawshaw	1000	25000	*	Thos. P. Pruett ....Hickory
Hickory Grove.	1913	W. B. McClure	400	2500	2, 4	J. Lee Abernethy ...Lowell
Highland	1912	S. A. Rhyne ..	350	3500	1, 3	W. T. Harris ..R-2, Hickory
High Shoals ..	1902	J. D. Moose ..	450	2000	1	M. C. Dellinger High Shoals
Kidd's Chapel.	1872	J. W. P. Hill ..	300	1500	4	W. A. Poole ..Iron Station
Lawings Chapel	1907	S. A. Stroup .	400	1000	3	Samuel Bandy R-4, Linc'ton
Leonard's Fork	1882	D. F. Putnam	300	1000	1	W. H. Hoover .....Crouse
Lincolnton Ave.	1911	S. A. Stroup .	300	800	4, †	Not given
Lincolnton First	1859	None	400	10000	[illegible]	[illegible] Perkins ....Lincolnton
Long Creek ..	1772	J. L.Vipperman	500	2650	1. 3	A. R. Holland .....Dallas
Long Shoals ..		W. W. Rimmer	300	800	3, 4	R. B. Gates R-6, Lincolnton
Loray	1905	G. P.Abernethy	700	8000	*	W. F. Riddle .....Gastonia
Lowell	1892	C. Q. Rhyne ..	400	2700	1, 3	Luke Hendrix .....Lowell
Macedonia ...	1869	W. B. McClure	400	1000	1	W W. Lawing ..Lincolnton
Maiden	1891	L. R. Williams	400	1500	1, 3	E. D. Williams .. ..Maiden
Mayworth	1911	E. L. Taylor..			1,2,3	R. M. Lowe .....Mayworth
McAdenville ..	1887	Rush Padgett	400	4268	*	E. H. Waters ..McAdenville
Mtn. Grove ...	1881	A. W. Setzer..	400	1500	2, 4	G. F. Huffman R-1, Hickory
Mtn. View	1853	L. R. Williams	350	800	2	M. O. Gilleland ....Maiden
Mt. Beulah ...	1916	None given ..	400	2500		J. A. Ramsay Bessemer City
Mt. Holly	1890	C A.G. Thomas	500	4700	*	Oscar Skidmore ..Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama ..	1816	L. P. Simth ..	400	2000	2	Nate H. Caldwell R-2 Newton
Newton	1882	J. A. Snow ..	800	15000	*	Miss Rose Moose ...Newton
Olivet	1833	J. S. Connel ..	500	3000	2, 4	J. T Ervin .....Catawba
Penelope	1888	A. W. Setzer .	300	1500	1	T. J. Hildebrand R-4 Hickory
Providence ...	1878	C. E. Beaver .	300	600	4	R. L. Ashebraner ....Henry
Piney Grove .	1904	J. A. Snow ..	400	800		Lee Setzer ....R-2 Newton
Reepsville	1899	P. W. Spangle	250	1000	2	
River View ...	1897	W. W. Rimmer	300	1000	2, 4	A. L. Cline .....Southside
Salem	1847	J W. P. Hill ..	400	800	3	C. F. Clanton ....Lincolnton
Sandy Plains .	1863	W. A. Hough	400	900	2, 4	N. A. Jenkins R-3 Gastonia
Sharon	1854	H.B.Chronister	500	500	4	[illegible] A. Abernethy Iron Station
South Gastonia	1917	W. A. Hough..	500	2500	*	L. D. Redding ....Gastonia
Spencer Mtn. .	1909	C. Q. Rhyne ..	200	500	4	J. F. Hawkings .....Lowell
Startown	1896	J. A. Snow ..	300	800	2, 3	J. Y. Killian .....Newton
Thessalonica ..	1830	A. W. Setzer .	300	500	2	W. P. Rhoney ..R-1 Newton
Tuckasege ...	1911	L. A. Bangle .	300	1200	2, 4	W. A. Long .....Mt. Holly
Warlick's	1875	C. A. Rhyne ..	500	1600	1	A. J. Cook ....R-4 Hickory
Webb's Chapel	1892	C E. Rhyne ..	200	850	2	F. B. Carpenter ..Lincolnton
West Hickory .	1907	L. P. Smith ..	400	3000		J. R. Pierce ....R-4 Hickory

NOTE—Long Creek is 146 years old, Mt. Ruhama 102, and Thessalonica 88 years old. * Every Sunday. † And Every Sunday Night.

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Office	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Ch. Mem. in S. S.	Mo. Kept O.	Baptisms From S. S.
Alexis	S. M. Stroup, Alexis	1	9	149	158	75	12	2
Belmont, First.	W. J. Francis, Belmont	1	13	300	313		12	4
Bethel	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton ..	1	6	79	85		9	
Brookford	C. C. Holsclaw, Brookford .	1	9	130	139	50	12	12
Bruington	J. P. Galloway, Stanley ...	1	9				12	4
Center View ..	W. M. Turbyfill, Maiden ...	1	7	78	85	60	12	5
Corinth	R. P. Heavner, Henry	1	6	59	65		9	1
Dallas	P. D. Summey, Dallas	1	9	116	125	75	12	5
East Belmont .	J. J. Duncan, Belmont	1	17	404	421	150	12	6
East Gastonia.	C. B. Newton, Gastonia	1	12	450	462	275	12	25
Faith	W. H. Ballard, Alexis	1	5	45	50	15	6	1
Gastonia, First	W. J. Clifford, Gastonia	1	17	365	382		12	
Hickory, First.	J. D . Elliott, Hickory	1	26	294	320		12	
Hickory Grove.	F. L. Abernethy, Mt. Holly	1	10	108	118	52	12	1
Highland	H. A. Ball, Hickory, R-2...	1	10	150	160	75	12	9
High Shoals ..	W. R. Rhyne, High Shoals .	1	7	101	108	80	12	
Kidd's Chapel.	Curtis Ballard, Iron Station	1	5	60	65	29	12	4
Lawings Chapel	R. B. Cook, Lincolnton	1	11	83	94	60	12	
Lincolnton Ave.	I. A. Hallman, Lincolnton ..	1	7	101	108	40	12	5
Lincolnton First	J. O. Allen, Lincolnton	1	11	125	136	50	12	7
Long Creek ..	F. M. Pasour, Dallas	1	10	160	170	70	12	8
Long Shoals ..	J. F. Reep, Lincolnton, R-6	1	7	70	77	38	12	
Loray	W. Lee Smith, Gastonia ...	1	15	336	351		12	
Lowell	Jake Hendrix, Lowell	1	11	158	169		12	
Macedonia ...	S. L. Bolinger, Linc'ton, R-3	1	8	65	73	25	12	2
Maiden	Jase Williams, Maiden	1	13	226	233	125	12	4
Mayworth	A. W. Young, Mayworth ..	1	13	203	216	45	12	4
McAdenville ..	Labe Abernethy. M'Ad'nville	1	13	288	301	154	12	15
Mtn. Grove ...	C. S. Eckard, Hickory, R-1	1	7	78	85	14	12	1
Mtn. View	W. W. Moose, Maiden	1	7	70	77	34	12	6
Mt. Beulah ...	E. H. Big'rstaff, Bes'mer C'y	1	8	83	91	50	12	5
Mt. Holly	A. J. Bumgarner, Mt. Holly	1	11	150	161		12	7
Mt. Ruhama ..	W. M. Caldwell, Maiden, R-1	1	10	149	159	50	12	4
Newton	W. F. Washington, Newton	1	11	143	154		12	
Olivet	W. W. Ervin, Catawba	1	11	136	147	96	12	14
Penelope	F. A. Lock, Hickory, R-4 ..	1	7	40	47	17	12	3
Providence ...	Joel Huffman, Henry	1	6	60	66	40	12	
Piney Grove .	E. T. Baker, Claremont, R-1	1	6	57	63	28	12	2
River View ...	A. L. Cline, Southside	1	8	100	108		12	2
Salem	O. G. Hill, Lincolnton	1	8	57	65	27	12	9
Sandy Plains .	J. L. Featherstone, Lo'll, R-2	1	10	156	166	60	12	10
Sharon	L. D. Dellinger, Iron Station	1	5	50	55	25	9	8
South Gastonia	G. H. Logan, Gastonia	1	9	200	209	100	12	5
Spencer Mtn. .	J. W. Wilkins, Lowell	1	8	112	120	58	12	4
Thessalonica ..	G. H. Crouse, Mt. Holly ...	1	7	103	110	40	12	20
Warlick's	Perry Berry, Icard	1	6	94	100	65	9	5
Webb's Chapel	J. B. Summey, Lincolnton .	1	5	25	30	15	9	
West Hickory .	J. D. Green, West Hickory .	1	6	200	206	75	12	2
TOTALS		48	452	6766	7218	2337		231

NOTE—Five churches sending in letters gave no Sunday School report, viz.: Catawba, Denver, Leonard's Fork, Startown and Thessalonica. —Clerk.

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Vice-Moderator ---------- J. A. Snow, Lincolnton, N. C.
Clerk ---------- J. F. Click, Hickory, N. C.
Treasurer ---------- J. O. Allen, Lincolnton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1 Year)	(2 Years)	(3 Years)
J. Y. Killian	S. T. Gaddy	D. C. Williams
J. T. Ervin	Dr. C. L. McCall	J. D. Elliott

ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. P. Abernethy, Gastonia, N. C.
J. M. Ballard, Alexis, N. C.
L. A. Bangle, Cherryville, N. C.
P. W. Bangle, Lincolnton, N. C.
W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C.
C. E. Beaver, Maiden, N. C.
W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory, N. C.
H. B. Chronister, Lincolnton, N. C
H. M. Croom, R-3, Hickory, N. C.
J. H. Gheens, Belmont, N. C.
Vance Havner, Henry, N. C.
I. M. Hildebrand, Hickory, N. C.
J. W. P. Hill, R-4, Lincolnton, N. C.
W. A. Hough, Gastonia, N. C.
F. M. Huggins, Belmont, N. C.
C. C. Kiser, Gastonia, N. C.
B. H. Laughridge, Maiden, N. C.
R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C.
W. B. McClure, Alexis, N. C.
Rush Padgett, McAdenville, N. C.
J. B. Pruett, Hickory, N. C.
D. B. Putman, Cherryville, N. C.
C. Q. Rhyne, Gastonia, N. C.
S. A. Rhyne, R-1, Hickory, N. C.
W. W. Rimmer, Lincolnton, N. C.
A. W. Setzer, Maiden, N. C.
L. P. Smith, R-4, Hickory, N. C.
R. L. Smith, Wake Forest, N. C.
J. A. Snow, Lincolnton, N. C.
S. A. Stroup, Lincolnton, N. C.
C. L. Taylor, Mayworth, N. C.
A E. Teague, Belmont, N. C.
C. A. G. Thomas, Mt. Holly, N. C.
D. B .Tritt, Mars Hill, N. C.
J. L. Vipperman, Dallas, N. C.
J. W. Ward. Belmont, N. C.
J. J. Waldrop, Henry, N. C.
G. W. Wilburn, Newton, N. C.
L. R. Williams, Maiden, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Fork Baptist Assocciation met in its Forty-first annual session with the First Baptist church of Lincolnton on Wednesday, October 29th, 1919 at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor of the Association, J. A. Snow, closing same by a prayer lead by J. L. Jenkins.

After a song—"All Hail the power of Jesus Name," the Moderator, Osborne Brown, called the Association to order, and announced that it was ready to proceed to business.

The roll of churches were called and the delegates of 48 churches were present and together with those coming later, were enrolled as follows:

Alexis—W. F. Huggins, S. M. Stroup, E. V. Senter.

Amity—W. F. Miller, G. F. Williams.

Belmont, First—F. M. Huggins, M. W. Sanford, John K. Bowen.

Bethel—S. A. Stroup, H. B. Chronister, A. M. Harrell, W. C. Mullin, H. C. Harrell.

Brookford—S. A. Rhyne. C. Edwards.

Bruington—C. A. Stroup, R. F. Craig.

Catawba—J. B. Pruett, D. L. Wike.

Center View—J. B. Turbyfill, S. O. Hovis, Edwin J. Caldwell.

Cedar Grove—L. R. Williams, J. W. Beard, A. P. Michael.

Corinth—R. P. Havner.

Dallas—J. L. Vipperman, J. W. Summey, W. E. Rhyne, R. S. Lewis.

Denver—H. N. Abernethy.

East Belmont—R. G. Mace, Lee Lanier, W. B. Craig, W. L. Chapman.

East Gastonia—C. C. Kiser, J. L. Price, J. V. Fisher, C. B. Newton, John H. Setzer.

Faith—B E. Ballard.

Gastonia First—W. C. Barrett, I. H. Gantt, Jno. R. Shuford, Buler Moore.

Hickory First—W. R. Bradshaw, R. M. Perry, J. R. Hosley, J. F. Click, J. B. Pruett.

Hickory Grove—J. Lee Abernethy, L. M. Flowers.

Higland—S. A. Rhyne, H. M. Croom, R. C. Harrison, W. T. Harris.

High Shoals—T. S. Clark, W. P. Carpenter.

Kidds Chapel—J. W. P. Hill, S. A. Whitener, W. L. Keever, W. A. Pool.

Lawings Chapel—Samuel Bandy, Henry Wilkinson.

Leonards Fork—T. J. Hoover, Richard Cornwell.

Lincolnton Avenue—E. M. Hollman, J. L. Gilbert.

Lincolnton First—Miss Florence Finch, Mrs. M. A. Anthony, Mrs. D. C. Williams, C. L. Goodman, Thos. J. Ramseur.

Long Creek, Memorial—Miss Alma Robinson, F. M. Pasour, T. S. Summey.

Long Shoals—G. W. Stroup, R. B. Gates.

Loray—G. P. Abernethy, W. C. Faulkner, W. W. Presley, B. M. Summitt.

Lowell—C. Q. Rhyne, J. P. Kimbro J. A. Funderburg,

Maccedonia—W. F. Lee, J. P. Mullen.

Maiden—L. R. Williams, D. A. Finger, B. H. Laughridge, N.

E. Laney.

Mayworth—H. C. Murphy, M. M. Flowers, C. L. Taylor, S. C. Bush.

McAdenville—C. A. Caldwell, B. H. Waters, W. L. Farington.

Mt. Beulah—J. H. Kinley, W B. Elam.

Mtn. Grove—A. W. Setzer, C. S. Eckard, Jones F. Abernethy, Calvin Baker.

Mtn. View—W. W. Moore, Lawrence Abernethy.

Mt. Holly—No names sent forward.

Mt. Ruhama— Miss Mamie Caldwell S. M. Abernethy, T. H. Caldwell, Miss Maud Abernethy, W. M. Caldwell, Perry C. Caldwell.

Mt. Zion—J. E. Chronister, B. F. Laughridge J. H. McClure.

Newton—Geo. W. Wilburn. G. C. Furr, J. F. Hawkins, S. T. Gaddy, A. L. Ervin, B. L. Ledwell.

Olivet—Osborne Brown, F. B. Tilley, J. T. Ervin.

Penelope—I M. Hildebrand.

Piney Grove—Geo. W. Wilburn, J. P. Abernethy.

Providence—C. E. Beaver, Max Burns, R. L. Asherbraner, D. W. Brittain.

Reepsville—P. W. Bangle, Thos. Helms, John Helms.

River View—W. W. Rimmer, C. T. Hawkins, J. W. Poovey, V. A. Harrell, S. T. Reep, Lee Cline.

Salem—J. W. P. Hill, J. B. Harrell.

Sandy Plains—Haskell Millen, J. E. C. Ford, Flow Hoffman.

Sharon— Sam Dellinger, R. E. Hovis.

South Gastonia—W. A. Hough, W. P. Glover, J. S. Hawkins, L. J. Waldrop.

Spencer Mtn.—W. A. Hawkins, Elmer Hoffman.

Startown—Mrs. Lillie Throneburg, Miss Grace Wilson, John Burris.

Thessalonica—D. H. Ramseur, W. P. Rhoney.

Tuckeseege—T. G. Whisnant, Walter Mullis.

Warlicks—A. J. Cook.

Webbs Chapel—W. W. Rimmer, J. B. Summey.

West Hickory—L. P. Smith, W. G. Hicks, W. G. Abernethy, J. R. Pierce, E. H. Chester.

After the roll call, the Association proceeded to organize by electing officers for the insuing year.

The Moderator called J. A. Snow to the chair who presided during the election of officers.

By motion, the election was by ballot, without nominations and speech making and one voted on a time.

The election resulted as follows:

Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice-Moderator, J. A. Snow; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, J. O. Allen.

By motion their elections were made unanimous.

By motion, the Moderator appointed the following special committee to revise the constitution: W. R. Bradshaw, A. W. Setzer and S. T. Gaddy.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to nominate an Executive Committee for this Association: J. A. Snow, I. M. Hildebrand, and F. B. Tilley.

The Program Committee submitted the following:
Program for South Fork Association.

Wednesday Morning

11:00 Enrollment of Delegates.
11:15 Organization.
11:30 Biblical Recorder.
12:00 Dinner:

Wednesday Afternoon

1:00 Devotional.
1:15 Reports on the following, viz: State, Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Ministers Relief and Orphanage.
2:00 Discussion of Missions.
3:15 Discussion of Education.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 Devotional.
7:15 Sermon.
8:10 Discussion of Orphanage and Ministers Relief.

Thursday Morning

9:30 Devotional.
9:45 Digest of Letters.
10:00 Woman's Work.
10:45 Sunday Schools.
11:30 B. Y. P. U.
12:00 Dinner.

Thursday Afternoon

1:00 Devotional.
1:15 Temperence and law enforcement.
2:00 Obituaries.
2:30 Miscellaneous business.

J. A. SNOW, for Committee.

The program was adopted.

The following visiting brethren were recognized:
S. F. Conrad, of Charlotte; W. R. Beach, Representative of the Biblical Recorder, C. J. Woodson and A. H. Sims, of Kings Mountain Association; W. T. Tate and D. J. Hunt of Sandy Run Association.

By motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner to be served on the church lawn. Prayer by J. L. Vipperman.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembles. Song, "Jesus lover of my soul." Prayer by W. C. Barrett.

After a prayer, led by A. H. Sims, the Moderator calls the Association to order.

The Committee appointed to revise the constitution made their report which was adopted. For these few changes, see the constitution.

C. C. Kiser read the following:

STATE MISSION REPORT

State Missions, as the name implies, refers to all mission work carried on for the advancement of Christ's kingdom within our state. Acts 1:8 gives us the basis of all mission work. In this passage of scripture Christ told His disciples that they would be witnesses of Him in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. If Christ were in North Carolina in person today He would doubtless tell those who are His disciples that they should be wtinesses of Him in their own city, then in all of North Carolina, then in our own country, and then in all parts of the world. Jerusalem in the passage, refers to one's own city, Judea to the state, Samaria to the southland, and the uttermost parts of the earth to the present world. Here we have local, state, home and foreign missions Which one is of most importance we dare not say, but Baptists, believing that these words apply to them, are attempting to carry out Christ's program. It is our business, at this hour, to consider Christ's kingdom in North Carolina.

There are 2 and 1-2 millions of people within its bounds. The state is 90 miles wide and 500 miles long. It has no real large cities, but is made up for the most part, of small towns and communities, which is a blessing. It is not a wealthy population, but composed of people in the common, ordinary walks of life, and yet it has produced many great and gifted men and women.

It should be the duty of Baptists first to get the gospel of Jesus Christ preached to these people; second, to organize them into churches and help those to build church houses and secure pastors where there are neither; third, to train these people in every phase of kingdom work which is carried on through our Sunday Schools, Baptist Young People's Unions, Women's Missionary Unions; and laymen's organizations; fourth, to teach them the importance of caring for the sick through hospitals, of Christian Education through our colleges and secondary schools and of providing for orphan children through orphanages; fifth, to educate them in Baptist Doctrines through the state denominational paper and other literature given out by colporters; and sixth, to show them the importance of caring for aged and infirm ministers who have labored long and true for Christ's cause.

For the purpose of accomplishing all of these tasks our denomoination has a board of missions with Dr. Walter N. Johnson as Secretary, whose office is located in Raleigh, in the Biblical Recorder Building. Associated with him in this stupendous task are the following committees: Executive Committee, Commttee on Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., Country Work, Schools for Pastors and Workers, City Work, Colportage, Evangelism, Negro Work, Student Work, Church Building, Factory Work and Summer Assemblies.

North Carolina is not yet evangelized. Over half its population is not in the membership of any church. Last year there were on our state mission field 2,857 conversions and 1,765 baptisms. Last year there were in all 13,964 baptisms. Baptists in North Carolina should have more and better buildings. Whenever a church is organized, the next matter of importance is a building. Funds given for State Missions go toward the erection of such houses. After Baptists get church buildings the next step is to get the members enlisted in all of the objects fostered by our denomination. 200,000 North Carolina Baptists are not regularly

enlisted. For the purpose of enlisting church members our Board has men in the field. After getting them enlisted we should train then, hence our schools for pastors and workers, summer assemblies, colleges, etc. The Mobile Schools held during the past year proved quite a success.

The great 75 million dollar campaign about which every intelligent Baptist has already heard, will include subscriptions for the work in our state. North Carolina is to raise $633,883 for State Missions in five years. This, at first, sounds big, but when one considers that we have 3,000 churches and 300,000 members to raise it the amount is very insignificant. It only requires that every member of every church do his very best.

That you may get some idea as to how the money is to be spent we give below information along this line, and we urge the Association to adopt the program.

Missionaries' Salaries, each year ---------- $50,000
Larger salaries for pastors encouraged.
Fix minimum salary.
Give one dollar for every two dollars of increase made by Mission Church to its pastor's support.
Put strong men into destitute fields.
Make a survey of State, and plan work accordingly.
Adequate salaries for Educational Centers.
Quit meager appropriations and take hold of points in dead earnest.
Insist on full-time ministry.

Educational Centers, each year ---------- $7,500
Impressive buildings out of Building Fund.
Equipment for teaching.
Employ student pastors and secretaries in State schools
Relate local churches to public schools.

Industrial Centers, each year ---------- $5,000
Employ superintendent for this work.
Have industrial center conferences.
Send out women workers.
Do not turn this work over to the Y. M. C. A.

Enlistment and Evangelism, each year ---------- $10,000
Home Board giving half.
One man in one-fourth Association of the State each year.
Evangelism waning among us.
Evangelism and enlistment coupled.
Find Kingdom workers to be trained.

Colportage and Publicity, each year ---------- $10,000
Just getting started in this work.
Pay part salary of Missionary-Colporteurs.
Scatter free tracts.
Assist in Biblical Recorder circulation.
Employ a regular publicity man if necessary.
Publish Bulletin.
This work will grow if given a chance.

Training Our Young People, each year ---------- $20,000
Sunday Schools.
B. Y. P. U.
Mobile schools.
Assemblies.
$75,000,000 to be collected through the churches.
Bookkeeping in churches, necessary after now, will require

trained officers in churches, more training necessary therefor.

Methods of Every-Member Canvass must be taught.

Principles of collection to be observed from now on.

Church Buildings, each year ---------- $20,000

Pitiably small fund now.

Confined to Mission Churches in the past.

A new church building era on.

Must guide in church architecture.

Do more, or quit.

Respectfully submitted,
C. CLEVELAND KISER

J. L. Vipperman read the following:

HOME MISSION REPORT

The influence of America in shaping world-ideals today is unequalled by any other nation. Sound missionary policy requires that we shall really make America Christian. Baptists of the South have in the Home Mission Board an agency of marked efficiency through which they are bringing to bear their combined efforts to that end.

A great work of soul-winning still confronts us in the South, where about 20,000,000 persons make no profession of religion, though the South is better evangelized than any other section of the country. Our Home Missionaries lead those of all other denominations in the work of soul-winning. 40,000 converts were added to the churches last year through their labors. We rejoice that during the present year the Board's strong evangelistic service is being enlarged still more.

The reproach of 3,000 unhoused Baptist churches in the South is being removed by direct gifts and by the Million-Dollar Loan Fund of our Board. A great service is being rendered through our large system of mission schools to the belated people in mountain districts of the South.

One of the greatest tasks before Southern Baptists is the nurturing of many of our churches, through adequate preaching services and pastoral work, whose members are second to none in their sound Americanism and evangelical faith, but who have not been adequately taught in the life of faith. Our Home Board, after six years of effort in this new field, is substantially enlarging the Enlistment work.

In the field of Indians, Foreigners, and Negroes, the Board is enlarging its service to meet enlarging opportunities. In its cooperative work with State Boards, especially in the relatively younger States, it is doing the largest work in its history. In Cuba and Panama the Board's work shows a healthy growth, a full return in spiritual fruits for the money we have given to it.

Adjusting itself to the enlarged effort made possible by the $75,000,000 Campaign, the Board is expending $1,500 000 this year, much of it in needy strategic places it was not before possible to enter.

We heartily commend our Board for the vigorous and able stand of Dr. B. D. Gray, its Corresponding Secretary, and his associates, to safeguard the fundamental principles of religious liberty and justice, when these were threatened by forces which used the occasion of the war to betray our American freedom of faith. The service of our Secretary and our Board in this emergency was in-

valuable.

These days of reconstruction are a time of severe testing to the character and Christian faith of our people. With our whole heart we rejoice that the Southern Baptist Convention has in the $75,000,000, campaign provided $12,000,000 to be used by our Home Board in evangelizing and Christianizing the South. Let us raise it!

Respectfully submitted,
JUDSON L. VIPPREMAN.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

A right appreciation of the Foreign Mission Board's work and the effort to provide adequate resources for this work must be based upon a knowledge of the extensive fields which the Board is cultivating, the condition of these fields and the variety of work being conducted on them.

The Foreign Mission Board is charged with propagating the gospel in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, etc. These numerous, and extensive Mission Fields makes this work greater than any other work that we are doing for in these Mission Fields are to be found hundreds of millions of human beings, more vast than the human mind can grasp. Some of them are white, some black, some yellow, but all of them are the object of God's love.

These multitudes, whether in Pagan or Papal lands are handicapped by ignorance, superstition, and physical suffering and above all sin for which they have found no remedy. If there is any pity in the human heart it ought to be called forth by the deplorable conditions under which millions of our fellow-beings on these Mission Fields are spending their lives, while we enjoy the blessings of the gospel, and the Christian civilization whch it has produced.

The work of the Foreign Mission Board includes the evangelization of the lost, the education of the ignorant, the training of the saved, the housing of the weak Mission Churches, in fact, all that we are doing at home through state mission boards, home mission boards, education boards, orphanages, and the rest we are doing through the Foreign Mission Board, therefore no adequate provision can be made for a work so extensive, so varied, and comprehensive if we place Foreign Missions on parrity with any single Christian enterprise that we are conducting at home.

There is another great fact which we must take into consideration, "we are to meet our obligations to this great work, now and for the future years, and that is that the war has greatly enlarged our international Christian duty. The heroic sacrifices which we have made to set the world free from the restraint of autocracy has created for us a new and larger duty to promote everywhere the constraints of the gospel of Christ, which will make peaceable and law abiding citizens of all men, for the unrestrained freedom of the unregenerated human nature is a menace to the world.

The Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta last May recognized the new obligations which this extraordinary condition laid upon the Southern Baptist, and so the Convention authorized the Foreign Mission Board to undertake reconstruction in Europe, to hasten with the gospel into destitute Russia, and to set up Christ's banner in Persia, Syria, and in Galilee from whence came the blessings of Christ's life and death to us, and to which we are under peculiar obligations. This new work thus designated has almost

doubled the task and needs of the Board, therefore let individuals and Curches lay to heard these facts in making future contributions to this work.

The work of the Board last year was very encouraging. Some of the results of the work were 5,635 converts baptized, 41 Chrches organized, 2 Churches assumed self-support, 61,588 patients treated and 129,298 treatments administered. To the support of this great work Southern Baptists gave last year $1,223,190.47 which was a gain over the previous year of $370,266.74.

It is important that we should realize that the world's fields are ripe unto the harvest and that much of the bending grain will be lost if we do not quickly thrust in the sickle, for there has never been a time in the history of the world when the universal human mind was so expectant and so ready to make great decisions, and therefore the imperative need for quick action by those who would direct that mind to the right thing and lead the world by the way of the Cross back to God. The Foreign Missions duty was never so pressing as just now.

Your committee on Foreign Missions would add its endorsement of the 75 Million Campaign and its admonition to the Churches that there be no failure to give this Campaign the most faithful and enthusiastic support, for the success of all of our work depends upon the success of this Campaign The eyes of the world and of our Lord are upon us and we must succeed in this great task to which we have put our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILBURN

By motion, the discussion and adoption of the reports on Missions were postponed until tomorrow morning.

In the absence of the writer, Chas A. G. Thomas, on account of sickness, C. Cleveland Kiser read the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Educational efficiency is the slogan for Baptists now and to the end. The day has dawned when Baptists can point to an educational equipment and efficiency unsurpassed by any denomination. Many believe these are not equalled by any. There is scarcely a corporation, community or congress for any good and great purpose in which the Baptists do not have leaders in the first ranks. This has not been always true. That it is now true is largely due to our educational efforts. Baptists are the only people in the world who can give an educational efficiency in its fullest sense; for they alone give the highest intellectual liberty to the mental faculties. No denomination which makes an unconscious babe the victim of an act not found in God's word and thus handicaps the man in the exercise of his choice, when he becomes a follower of Christ, can give the fullest educational development. The denomination which will deprive a babe of its birthright of choice will hinder the man in the further exercise of that right if desirable to advance its interests. Such an institution destroys soul liberty, the Baptist birthright in its weakest and purest shrine. The heart of a babe. Such a denomination cannot give the fullest education to man's brain and heart. Again, no educational institution run by a civil government can fully educate a man or woman, however powerfully patronized or richly endowed. Religion is the function of the Churches, and not of

states; hence a state cannot educate a man religiously. The denominational school alone can educate the whole man. The Baptist college can do this better than any school on earth. The command for Missions is also for education. The church which fails to educate disobeys the last command of our Master.

The narrowest educational limit known to the world is that found in state education—it is for "self" first, last and all between. Baptist education is for humanity first. The whole man must be educated. It is not for "self," but for our "other self." Our neighbor,. No influence has so touched our whole state in the last 30 years as Baptist education. It is the most American state in the union, because of Baptist educational development.

To keep up this march of progress and power we must get down behind this stupendous task of raising $75,000,000, for it means a collossal uplife to our educational equipment and efficiency. This is the call of the ages to Baptists.. It is the last command re-emphasized. Obedience to this call means the greatest advance along all lines the Baptists have ever followed. It means a broader vision, a greater progress and power ever before known to Baptists. It means that the Baptists, the loyal liberty leaders and guardians of spiritual Democracy will march in quick step and steady tread with the plans of our Great Captain, as He blazes the way for the world in turmoil to the new earth and heaven coming down to greet us in His own good time.

Let every Baptist in South Fork Association take a hand and push with his might in the Great Campaign.

CHAS. A. G. THOMAS

The report was adopted.

A. W. Setzer read the following:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

On November the eleventh, 1885 the first child was received at the Orphanage, since which event there has not been a day that has not witnessed increased interest on the part of North Carolina Baptists in this institution. Truly this was one of the significant days of North Carolina Baptist history.

During the thirty-four years of its life the Orphanage has enrolled 1,866 children. The present enrollment is 531. These 531 boys and girls are growing into honorable manhood and womanhood under the best influences that can be afforded by the institutional care of children. (The term institutional is used for the reason that no institution can take the place of an ideal Christian home).

North Carolina Baptists, deeply appreciative of their duty and privilege, have generously and joyously met the increasing needs of the Orphanage from year to year. The enormous prices that must now be paid for food necessities and other supplies, and the fact that hundreds of homeless children, utterly helpless and dependent, clamor at the doors of the institution constitute a call to North Carolina Baptists for increased support and enlarged facilities. We must not suffer our beloved institution to become the slave of debt; and certainly we will not stop our ears to the cry for admittance of the utterly helpless and dependent.

The Welfare workers of the State, with Mr. Roland F. Beasley as their chief, are undertaking to effect plans to hold house-

holds together where a little assistance would enable mothers to keep their families intact. This effort is worthy of our hearty endorsement. There are many children in the Orphanage who could be cared for by their mothers under this plan, thus making more room in the institution for children who have neither mother nor father, and are entirely dependent upon the Orphanage for proper care.

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

(1) That every Baptist in the South Fork Association be appealed to to give the proceeds of one day's labor to the Orphanage at or near Thanksgiving.

(2). That every Sunday school in the South Fork Association give the collection of one Sunday in each month to the Orphanage. Better results can be obtained if this collection is made the opportunity of righteous competition between the classes.

(3) That all our Sunday schools subscribe for clubs of Charity and Children and that efforts be made to secure individual subscriptions

Respectfully submitted,
A. W. SETZER, Com.

The report was adopted.

S. T. Gaddy read the following:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

I Corinthians 9-14, we have these words: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Note that there is no time limit to this. It does not say that the Lord has ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel only while they are able to preach. A liberal rendering would be that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel, even after they have become aged and infirm, and not able to preach.

Not until 29 years ago did the leaders of the Baptist denomination of North Carolina come to the rescue of the aged and infirm preachers. In 1890 the Baptist Ministers Relief Board was established. D. L. Gore, the great layman of Wilmington was chairman of the Board of Trustees. For 29 years, this cause has been brought before us, but we have turned deaf ears. To say the least, we have shown little sympathy for the old pioneer preachers and those who have labored hard and made great sacrifices for the cause of the Master and the planting of Baptist churches in destitute sections of the state.

The command has been given to go and preach and take neither scrip nor purse, for "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and that as we sow, so shall we also reap. A great many of our noble hearted men have heard the call and have answered. They have labored faithfully receiving a mere pittance for their services during their active ministry Just as soon as they have worn themselves out, or are overtaken wth old age, they are relegated to the rear and are forgotten by many of us.

This is one of the dark spots on the record of Baptist progress in North Carolina We are glad to note that in this association we have made some progress for this object. In 1917 we reported for Ministerial Relief $167.02 and in 1918 we reported $353.20 or a little more than 100 per cent increase in one year. Yet, last

year we gave less than 5 cts. per member of the association. We trust that we may yet realize our duty in regard to this worthy object and act accordingly.

Last year, the board reported 37 beneficiaries and $5,700 contributions. This year they deport 42 beneficiaries and estimate that the contributions will be around $7,000 By a little figuring we will note that the rate of increase for each beneficiary is less than 10 per cent, which is not in keeping with present high cost of living. In addition to the 42 who are now receiving help from the board, there are other deserving cases that the Board is unable to help on account of not having the funds.

In the arrangement of appropriation of the proceeds of the $75,000,000 campaign, our leaders have acted wisely in making provision for this cause. It proves to our minds that we are becoming more great and gratful. There is no danger of this cause receiving more than it actually needs.

Some years ago the idea was suggested of making a contribution for the aged ministers during the Christmas time. To our mind this is a very appropriate time, appropriate of the season, and appropriate for the cause. It no doubt makes the "old soldiers of the cross" realize that we have some of the Christ spirit in us as we celebrate the Savior's birth.

We believe that, regardless of the provision made by the $75,000.00 campaign appropriations, we ought to continue to remember the aged ministers at Christmas time as we have accustomed ourselves to remember the orphans on Thanksgiving day.

Respectfully,
S. T. GADDY.

The report was adopted.

G. P. Abernethy read the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School or Bible school is one of the greatest simple phases of the entire work of the church. It is for every member of the church and for every other person who can be induced to come into the work of studying the Bible. Thousands of children never know anything about the Bible only as they are taught by some Sunday School Teacher. Those who are instructed at home in the things of God, enjoy all the more the teachings of the Word of God in the Sunday School. It is to be regretted that there are still a great many of church members in our churches who do not go to Sunday school or show any concern about the work To our way of thinking this is positively sinful. For a person to be a member of the church and not to be interested in the Sunday school betrays his or her lack of love for the Master's cause. If we are to do the Master's will, we must know what His will is. If we are to know what His will is, we must study the book which is the expression of the will and purposes of God.

Much is being said in recent years about more efficient organization. Methods of grading has likewise been a popular thing. All of these questions are important, but the biggest thing needed to make a Sunday school count for the glory of God is a corps of teachers who, first of all, know and love the Lord, and who are close students of the Bible and who, from Sunday to Sunday, give some real teachings on the real work of God. We believe that teach-

ers, like preachers, are God called, but we believe that they, like prachers, must do some work of preparation. As we see it, the call of the hour is for God called teachers who think enough of their calling to prepare for their work and do efficient teaching. We would put more emphasis upon the competency of teaching than any thing else. A teachers' training course should be given every year where it is practical. and if this is not practical every teacher certainly can secure the set of books used for this work from our Sunday School board at Nashville, Tenn., and study them themselves.

Blackboards, maps, charts, etc., should be used in abundance. Especially with the smaller pupils. These can be had at reasonable prices from our Sunday School Board.

Just at this time our Sunday Schools are being called upon and rightly so, to help with the 75 million campaign. The offices at Nashville, in a very large measure, are turned over to the general Director and other workers of the big campaign. We are glad that our Sunday Schools can be used as an agency imparting information and otherwise helping with this blessed work.

We recommend the following as a suggestion to the churches for consideration: That all Sunday School expenses be paid out of the budget of the church and let every penny contributed by the Sunday School be for benevolence. Most of our Sunday Schools at present give the collections of one Sunday per month to the orphanage. This should be kept up We would suggest giving the offering to the orphanage the first Sunday in each month and that the second Sunday be State Mission day, the third day be Home Mission day and the fourth be Foreign mission day and the fifth Sunday be for Sunday School Missions.

Clubs of Charity and Children should be taken by every school and every pupil should be encouraged to read all good literature possible in addition to the regular Sunday School literature furnished by our Sunday School Board.

Respectfully submitted,
G. P. ABERNETHY.

The report was adopted.

R. G. Mace read the following:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

More and more the Baptist Young People's Union is coming to be recognized as an essential organization in our church life. The B. Y. P. U. meets a need in our Denominational and local church life that is not met by any other department—that of doctrinal teaching development of the devotional spirit, mission instruction and the education and traning of the young people for intelligent kingdom activity.

Like the Sunday School, the B. Y. P. U. work has been splendidly standardized. The literature is graded providing for "Senior" and "Junior" unions, with Quarterlies especially adapted for use by each.

The B. Y. P. U. manual is published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville and is a comprehensive treatise on B. Y. P. U. methods. The study courses are ideal in scope and preparation, and furnish most excellent training for efficient church life.

That church which fails to provide young people with the train-

ing afforded in the B. Y. P. U. robs the young people of the blessings attendant upon intelligent Christian service, robs itself of a mighty power for righteousness and robs the denomination of a generation of leaders and workers whose lives, set on flame with spiritual enthusiasm, would count marvelously in kingdom expansion.

Better churches, comprised of better members living a better church life is the most pressing need of Southern Baptists This need is largely met in the B. Y. P. U.

The Baptist 75 million campaign calls for the loyal cooperation of every B. Y. P. U. The larger program which will doubtless be projected at the end of five years will require a trained leadership. Such leadership will come in large measure from Baptist Young People's Unions. Our present task calls for the active work of our Young people. In view of these facts we recommend:

1. That an effort be made to organize and maintain a B. Y. P. U. in every church in our Association.

2. That for making this work more effective a Director be appointed by the Association who shall have direction of this work and who shall serve without pay.

2. That the Director be requested to organize as early as is convenient an associational convention of all the B. Y. P. U.'s in our association.

Respectfully submitted,
R. G. MACE

After discussion by C. C. Kiser. A. W. Setzer and others, the report was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Committee appointed at last session to suggest a form of digest of letters made its report and the same was adopted.

By motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to report as to what disposition to be made of the balance of the money in hand of South Fork Institute: W. C. Barrett, W. R. Bradshaw, J. A. Snow, J. L. Vipperman, C. C. Kiser, and S. T. Gaddy.

By motion, the Association adjourned until 7:00 P. M. Prayer by G. P. Abernethy.

NIGHT SESSSION

The Association met according to adjournment.

After song and praise service prayer by Dr. M. L. Kisler, and appropriate remarks by Pastor J. A. Snow, the

ANNUAL SERMON

was preached to a well filled house by W. R. Bradshaw. His text was: "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward," Ex. 14:15. It was a great message, and very appropriate for the present day.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

Dr. M. L. Kestler of the Thomasville Orphanage being present, the report of the orphanage was discussed by him. An interesting address.

The Report on Ministerial Relief was retaken up and was ably and convincingly discussed by Dr. Livingston T. Mays.

By motion the Association adjourned until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

Prayer by J. B. Pruett.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSSION

The Association met according to adjournment. L. R. Williams conducted the devotional service.

After prayer by W. C. Barrett and song, "From over hill and plain," the Moderator called the Association to order.

The minutes of the day before were read, corrected and approved.

By motion of J. B. Pruett, the Secretary was instructed to leave off all abbreviations before names in his minutes.

J. A. Snow read the following report:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee to nominate an Executive committee, report as follows:

To serve

1 Year, J. Y. Killian and J. T. Ervin.

2 years, S. T. Gaddy and C. L. McCall.

3 years, D. C. Williams and J. D. Elliott.

Respectfully submitted,

I. M. HILDEBRAND.
J. A. SNOW.
F. B. TILLEY.

Report was adopted.

W. C. Barrett read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

Your committee, appointed to recommend to this body a plan for the distribution of the funds accumulating from the sale of the South Fork Institute property, recommend:

1—That the present Board of Trustees be continued until all of the business connected with the institution be settled.

2—That the Trustees be instructed to establish two scholarships of equal cost as soon as the money is in hand—one at Meredith College and the other at Wake Forest College. The scholarship shall be known as the South Fork Scholarship. The bestowal of this scholarship shall be in the hands of the executive committee of the South Fork Association with the understanding that worthy students from the said association be given the preference.

The scholarship at Wake Forest shall be known by the name of the new association to be organized by the Baptist churches of Gaston county. The bestowal of this scholarship shall be in the hands of the executive committee of the said new association, with the understanding that worthy students from the said association be given the preference.

We would suggest that these scholarships be exchangable at the discretion of the two Executive committees.

3. That all other funds accumulating from the sale of the said South Fork Institute property be divided equally between the two associations. That it shall be the duty of the trustees to turn over the said money to the Chairman of the Executive committee of the two associations within 60 days after it is received by the trustees.

4—That the Board of Trustees make an annual report to each

of the two associations until the final settlement has been made.

Committee.

W. C. BARRETT,
W. R. BRADSHAW,
JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN,
J. ABNER SNOW,
S. T. GADDY,
C. CLEVELAND KISER.

The report was adopted.

A. W. Setzer read the following report on

PLACE AND PREACHER

Your committee on place and preacher for next session, submit the following:

Place—Mountain Grove.
Preacher—G. W. Wilburn.
Alternate—J. A. Snow.

Respectfully
C. E. BEAVER,
L. P. SMITH.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to recommend a director for the B. Y. P. U.—J. A. Snow, W. R. Bradshaw and J. T. Ervin.

Several new delegates reported and were enrolled with their respective churches.

The following visitors were recognized: J. A. McKaughan of Rutherford, M. L. Edwards, Moderator of Green River Association, and D. F. Putman of Kings Mountain Association.

G. P. Abernethy read the report on the

HOYLE MONUMENT

We, your committee, beg to submit the following: We purchased a monument, priced $250.00. But for this purpose got it at $190.00 We have not made a canvass. We simply passed the word around. We have received $130., leaving a balance of $60, which we hope will be raised at this session.

G. P. ABRENETHY,
L. R. WILLIAMS,
W. W. RIMMER,
Committee.

The report was adopted, and a cash collection was taken amounting to $65.00.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to audit the Treasurer's books: A. L. Ervin and A. M. Harrell.

S. T. Gaddy, for committee, read the following report:

MEMBER OF STATE MISSION BOARD

We, your committee appointed to nominate our Association's member on the Baptist State Mission Board, beg to present the name of J. A. Snow, of Lincolnton.

Respectfully,
S. T. GADDY.

The report was adopted.

After a song—"Millions for the Master," and prayer by C. A. Caldwell. the reports on missions, read yesterday, and deferred until this hour, were ably discussed by Dr. Walter M. Gilmore, of Sanford, N. C., and J. L. Vipperman of Dallas, N. C.

The reports were adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association reassembled. After songs: "Am I a soldier of the Cross," and "Loyalty to Christ," the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by L. P. Smith.

W. C. Barrett, presented the following application of twenty churches asking for a

LETTER OF DISMISSION

To the South Fork Association.

Greeting:

Whereas, we the undersigned Baptist churches of Gaston county having decided to organize a new association of same faith and order of this, its mother association, and believing it to be for the best interest of the Kingdom to do so, we therefore, request a letter of dismission.

Signed: Dallas, Mt. Beulah, Long Creek Memorial, Alexis, Belmont First, Belmont East, Gastonia First, Gastonia East, Hickory Grove, High Shoals, Loray, Lowell, Mayworth, McAdenville, Mt. Holly, Sandy Plains, South Gastonia, Spencer Mountain, Tuckeseege and Bruington.

By motion, the joint letter was granted, and the clerk instructed to issue the same, duly signed, which was done.

By motion, Osborne Brown, G W. Wilburn and A. W. Setzer were elected as delegates from this Association to attend the organization of the new Association.

M. L. Edwards, chairman of the Trustees of Round Hill school near Rutherfordton, presented the resolution adopted by the Green River Association.

A. W. Setzer offered the following

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Green River Association, at its recent session, adopted a resolution, inviting the South Fork Association to adopt Round Hill school as its associational school; and whereas, Brethren M. L. Edwards and J. A. McKaughan, members of the Board of Trustees of said school, have presented said resolution to this Association, and have requested us to adopt same, therefore be it Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to investigate said school and its advantages, and report to the next session of this body.

The resolution was adopted, and the Moderator appointed on said committee the following brethren: J. A. Snow, A. W. Setzer, L. P. Smith, L. R. Williams and W. R. Bradshaw.

J. L. Vipperman read the following

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the South Fork Association in regular session assembled, hereby desire to express our thanks and extend our deep apprecia-

tion of the gracious hospitality shown us by the two Baptist churches in Lincolnton and the community generally.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. VIPPERMAN.

The resolution was adopted.

By motion the committee appointed to investigate Round Hill School, were instructed to investigate Boiling Springs school also.

J. A. Snow read the following:

B. Y. P. U. DIRECTOR

We, your committee appointed to nominate a Director of B. Y. P. U. work in the South Fork Association, beg to recommend W. F. Washington for said important position.

W. R. BRADSHAW,
J. T. ERVIN,
J. A. SNOW,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

A. M. Harrell reads

TEASURER'S REPORT

I, J. O. Allen, Treasurer of South Fork Association, beg leave to submit my report as follows:

RECEIPTS

Nov. 21st, 1918:	
Minute Fund	$69.90
State Missions	26.00
Home Missions	9.00
Foreign Missions	13.00
Ministerial Education	7.00
Ministerial Relief	11.00
Orphanage	14.60
Total Receipts	$150.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Dec. 10, 1918	
By check—J. F. Click services as clerk	$ 15.00
By check—Minute printing	54.90
By check—Walter Durham State Missions	26.00
By check—Walter Durham, Home Missions	9.00
By check—Walter Durham Foreign Missions	13.00
By check—Walter Durham Ministerial Education	7.00
By check—Walter Durham, Mnisterial Relief	11.00
By check—F. B. Hamrick, Orphanage	14.60
Total Disbursements	$150.50

Respectfully submitted this October 30, 1919.

J. O. ALLEN, Treasurer

We, the committee appointed to audit the above report, beg leave to report that we find it correct. And while doing this work, we find that the Clerk received only $15 for his services, and this body is too wealthy to ask one of its servants to do all that work for that amount.

Respectfully,
A. M. HARRELL,
A. L. ERVIN.

The report was adopted, and by motion of S. T. Gaddy, the clerk was allowed $25 for his work.

J. T. Ervin read the following

REPORT OF SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE
(October 30th, 1919)

Receipts

1818	
November 20th, Cash on hand	$ 38.71
1919	
January 7th, From J. Y. Killian, contribution	5.31
April 25th, From Maiden Graded School, payment on note	214.00
April 25th, From C. W. Warlick, Rent	30.00
September 1st, From Union Cotton Mill, payment on Boys' Dormitory	300.00
October 1st, From P. C. Costner, note and interest	1180.00
	$1768.02

Disbursements

1819	
Dec. 23, To Shuford National Bank, Payment of note	$ 33.67
1919	
February 12th To Shuford National Bank, payment of note	5.88
April 25th, To Shuford National Bank, payment of note	118.84
May 1st, First National Bank of Hickory, note	40.00
May 27th, To L. S. Caldwell, Repair of building	6.50
June 20th, to Shuford National Bank, payment of note	65.00
June 20th, To Shuford National Bank, interest	15.86
August 16th, To W. C. Feimster, services	11.75
September 16th, To A. W. Setzer, services	25.00
October 17th, To Shuford National Bank, in full for note	785.00
October 23rd, To Elliott Building Company, in full for note	140.80
Balance, Cash on hand	519.72
	1768.02

Resources

Cash on hand, shown by above statement	$ 519.72
Notes of Maiden Graded School	1400.00
Notes of P. C. Costner	2000.00
Notes of Union Cotton Mill	1209.00
Accumulated interest	74.00
Total	$5193.72

Respectfully submitted,
OSBORNE BROWN,
Secretary and Treasurer.

THE REPORT AMENDED

The following motion was passed:

That the brethren who paid notes of S. J. Honeycutt, having endorsed same, the proceeds having gone into the school, that these brethren be reimbursed out of the proceeds from the sale of the property of the South Fork Institute.

The report of the South Fork Institute as amended is as follows:

Total resources as shown in report	$5193.72
Note of S. J. Honeycutt to Maiden Bank, paid by J. D. Elliott, J. Yates Killian, and Osborne Brown	370.80
Notes of S. J. Honeycutt, paid by T. J. Ramseur	74.50

Balance, Present worth of South Fork Institute_____ 4748.42

The report as amended was adopted.

F. H. Huggins read the following report:

BIBLICAL RECODER

The greatest need of a democracy is intelligence. If it is not intelligent there is great danger that its energies will not be directed for the good of itself, and for the needs for which it exists. Witness Russia and other countries of Europe torn by bolshevism and anarchy, the very fruits of ignorance.

Our Baptist churches are so many little independent democracies. If they are to be intelligently directed, and thus to become mighty factors in the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord they must be educated; they must be informed about the work of the kingdom. Otherwise we will divide up into groups and fractions, or lie dormant without the vision and power to extend the kingdom of God. Baptists more than any other body of Christians are dependent upon education to propagate their beliefs. "Where there is no vision the people perish. "Any agency, therefore, that will inform and inspire our people will be helpful in doing the work of the churches. The Biblical Recorder is an agency that will accomplish these results. It will bring information and inspiration to our people.

It ought, therefore, to go into every Baptist home in North Carolina. It is especially necessary at this time that the Recorder go into every home in order to inform and inspire the people to do their best for the 75 Million Campaign. It is urged that the subscriptions be doubled. It is gratifying to note that the Recorder is going into practically 30 thousand homes, and is within reach of 150 thousand readers. Many churches have put the Recorder on the church budget and sending it to every family in the church. It is to be hoped that the subscription list may still grow and that they will be retained as permanent subscribers.

The Recorder by all means should go to every pastor. At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta last May, Dr. McGlothlin introduced an amendment to the report on Denominational Press to the effect that the Sunday School Board in cooperation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards should devise means by which the Home and Foreign Mission Fields should go regularly to every pastor in the convention. The amendment also recommended that the State Boards and the state papers devise means by which the denominational papers can be put into the hands of every pastor. It is hoped that this plan may be put into operation in this state, if it seems wise to the State Board of Missions and the Recorder.

Deacons, Sunday School Superintendents, teachers, W. M. U. workers and B. Y. P. U. workers cannot afford to be without the Recorder.

We also recommend the Home and Foreign Mission Fields, Charity and Children, and Royal Service to our women.

We furthermore recommend that pastors urge their members to subscribe for the Recorder and the Home and Foreign Mission Fields.

Respectfully submitted,
F. H. HUGGINS,

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by F. H. Huggins and W. R. Beach, and then was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to suggest one delegate for the Southern Baptist Convention and three for the Baptist State Convention—L. P. Smith, W. P. Hill and J. O. Allen.

L. P. Smith read the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Prohibition has been gradually gaining for more than a hundred years. The first temperance society promoted in this country was in 1808 by Dr. Billy Clark in Saratoga county, N. Y. He did not dream of any thing so extravigant as a campaign to stop the trade, but from that date until this, progress has been made.

There was another movement put on foot about 1840 called the Washington society, and in 1840 this movement burst into a flame of rightously indignant legislation that would have swept the liquor business from the map of trade and did in fact abolish it in about 15 states, then the civil war came on in the sixties and engulfed it in a tidal wave of bloodshed.

Then in 1870 another wave of enthusiasm was begun by Francis Willard who went from state to state pleading for righteousness.

Moreover, the Prohibition party, and state wide prohibition by one state after another until at present 45 states have ratified the National Prohibition Amendment.

But while all this is true and we have won a mighty victory we are yet face to face with the "snake in the grass," moonshiners. Our laws are sufficient but law can not be enforced without public sentiment and public conscience behind it. We therefore. recommend such mass meetings as was held at Newton on Saturday October 25, 1919 which will bring about organized effort on the part of every community, every township, every county, every state. and the nation to report and stamp out this slimy monster of hell.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. SMITH.

The report was discussed by L. P. Smith and C. A. Caldwell and adopted.

W. A. Hough submitted the following:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

On the morning of the resurrection it was a woman who arose yet a great while before day and was first at the tomb.

The first message of the risen Lord was entrusted to the faithful band of women who had been with Him on His last missionary tour, and by Him in the crucifixion and with hearts bleeding and torn as no others, watched where they laid Him.

It has ever been true that women, despite the many disadvantages, discouragements and obstructions have shown intense interest in, and untiring effort for the spread of our Masters' Kingdom; often taking the lead in our greatest achievements.

Year by year has there been growth in interest and work, much that cannot be written but all an inspiration and going to make the work well pleasing in the eyes of our Master.

The work of our young women is fast becoming one of the most important features of the work. Realizing more and more that on them largely depends the success of future years, emphasis is being placed on the importance of auxiliaries in which our

young women and girls can be trained for larger service and more efficient leadership in kingdom work.

In reviewing the work in the South Fork Association we have much for which to be thankful. During the year fourteen new societies have been organized making a total of fifty societies now in the Association as follows: 23 Woman's Missionary Societies, 10 Young Woman's Auxiliaries, 13 Sunbeams, 3 Girls Ambassadors and 1 Royal Ambassadors. These contributed a total of $3026.00 for missions this year.

Beside many unrecorded activities and the distribution of much literature of a general nature there has been 238 letters written and fifteen churches visited.

Let us pray for the women and cooperate with them in organizing Societies in every church in the Association at the earliest date possible.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. HOUGH,

The report was adopted.

G. W. Wilburn submitted the following:

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION

Resolved, that it is the sense of the South Fork Association in session assembled that the present intemperate situation is alarming throughout its bounds.

1. The moonshiner's business having reappeared with intense vigor, demands our immediate and uncompromising attention.

2. That it is the sense of this body that to be counted with less than 100 per cent loyalty upon the part of all officers is a reflection upon, and less than our whole Christian manhood demands.

3. That we hereby give it as our deliberate judgment that all rightful and righteous influences ought to be brought to bear upon all officers in every rightful way possible and that all such shall have our full moral support.

GEO. W. WILBURN.

The resolution was adopted.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee appointed to audit the Books of the South Fork Institute beg leave to report that they have gone over the books and find them correct.

W. C. BARRETT,
J. T. ERVIN,
J. O. ALLEN.

The report was adopted.

The following was read and adopted:

OBITUARY OF W. H. DRUM

W. H. Drum was born Aug. 27, 1837 and departed this life May 18, 1919. A good man has gone from the community. The church loses a faithful member. He was a deacon of Piney Grove Baptist church, in which place, he was always found. He was a kind father a good neighbor and a good man. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this be spread upon the minutes of this Association.

E. T. BARKER.
J. P. ABERNETHY,
Q. E. WILSON,
P. E. CALDWELL,
MRS. J. W. BARKER,

The obituary was adopted.

W. W. Rimmer handed in the following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

It is not a mark of God's displeasure to call his children from us into eternal happiness, for precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the righteous; and God has proved to us an indulgent father in sparing so many of our co-workers during the past associational year. Out of the 7467 members reported last year only 73 have been reported as dying during the past year.

We owe to God our thanks and praise for the lives of all these saints and for the sparing of so many of us yet to serve him here below. May we so live as to meet them all in the haven of eternal rest.

Yours for the committee,
W. W. RIMMER.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to write program for the session 1920—A. W. Setzer, G. W. Wilburn and L. P. Smith.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to write reports for next session.

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS

Foreign Missions. J. A. Snow.
Home Missions, G. W. Wilburn.
State Missions, W. R. Bradshaw.
Woman's Work, L. P. Smith.
Sunday Schools, W. W. Ervin.
Biblical Recorder, L. R. Williams.
Education, A. W. Setzer.
Ministerial Relief, Thos. J. Ramseur.
Obituaries, C. E. Beaver.
Digest of Letters, Clerk of Association.
Temperance, J. B. Pruett.
B. Y. P. U., W. F. Washington.
Orphanage, J. Yates Killian.
Report of Executive Committee, Chm. of Board.

Committee makes following report:

DELEGATES NOMINATED

We, your committee appointed to nominate one delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and three delegates to Baptist State Convention, beg leave to suggest the following names:

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: L. P. Smith.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: L. R. Williams, S. A. Rhyne, W. W. Rimmer.

Respectfully,
L. P. SMITH,
J. W. P. HILL,
J. O. ALLEN,

The report was adopted.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet with Mountain Grove church at 11 a. m., on Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in October, 1920.

Song—"Millions for the Master."

Prayer by J. A. McKaughan.

OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator.
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members, two from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. Six members shall be elected at this session, two from each section of the Association to serve one year, two from each section for two years, two from each section for three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of each session a Committee of three who shall nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in October at 11 A. M. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be—Meet at 9:00 A. M., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamenetary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Gain			Loss					
	Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	By Letter	Exclusion	By Death	Males	Females	Total Membership
Alexis	12	4		2		2	51	70	121
Amity									
Belmont First	20	11		12	7	2	101	134	235
Bethel	15	10		3		2	34	46	80
Brookford	6	15	1	10	1	1	30	72	102
Bruington	7	17		3		1	62	72	134
Catawba	6	1	1	4		2	32	49	81
Cedar Grove				4		1	20	39	59
Centerview	6			4			38	35	73
Corinth	3	4		8		1	42	81	123
Dallas	26	4		6		1	78	79	157
Denver				2			11	13	24
East Belmont	21	32		52	2	1	152	134	286
East Gastonia	21	59	3	54	1	1	180	272	452
Faith							27	18	45
Gastonia First	14	20		22		1	222	306	528
Hickory First	20	28		15		4	158	236	394
Hickory Grove	1	1	1	9	3	4	73	75	148
Highland	9	9		11		2	76	62	138
High Shoals	6	23		15			26	50	76
Kidds Chapel	5	7		4		1	28	35	63
Lawings Chapel	4	2		4		1	59	80	139
Leonard's Fork				7		1	38	65	103
Lincolnton Avenue	24	17		7	1	3	47	93	140
Lincolnton First	16	27	2	12		2			248
Long Creek	15	21	1	12	1	3	94	108	202
Long Shoals				2	15		8	20	28
Loray	127	86		41		2	165	356	520
Lowell	1	10	1	3		1	52	102	154
Macedonia	3	6		4		2	84	117	201
Maiden	8	11	1	8	3	1	88	114	202
Mayworth	5	39		9	3		48	80	128
McAdenville	33	6	2	26	9	4	110	147	257
Mtn. Grove				1	5	2	29	39	68
Mtn. View	2	4	1				32	54	86
Mt. Beulah	4	3		3	1		49	48	97
Mt. Holly		8		12		6			291
Mt. Ruhama	2	2	2	4	3	1	93	113	206
Mt. Zion		6		3			62	89	151
Newton	3	24	2	16	1		73	114	187
Olivet		1		19		3	67	94	161
Penelope	3	10		12			16	32	48
Piney Grove	2			9		1	27	37	64
Providence	11	2	3	2		1	36	64	100
Reepsville	4		1			1	18	23	41
Riverview	13	16	1	4	1		45	73	118
Salem	4	1		5		1	35	55	90
Sandy Plains	6	1	1	12		1	75	84	159
Sharon							24	39	63
South Gastonia	40	47		38	1	3	75	106	181
Spencer Mtn.		2	2	11	6		19	43	62
Startown						1	4	8	12
Thessalonica				2			4	9	13
Tuckeseege		12		20		2	32	40	72
Warlick's		4		4		1	20	37	57
Webbs Chapel	5			5			15	24	39
West Hickory	10	16	19	18	2	2	105	151	256
Totals	543	629	45	575	66	73	3189	4536	7725

NAME OF CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Icedental Expenses	S. School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Totals
Alexis	200 00	30 00	23 30	26 20		1 20	50 00	330 70
Amity						1 00		1 00
Belmont First	1200 50	187 90	626 51	82 51		2 00		2099 42
Bethel	100 00		27 00	10 73		60		138 33
Brookford	400 00	125 00	35 00	97 07	50 00	1 00	100 00	807 07
Bruington	600 00	8 00	146 77	19 29	7 00	2 00	191 75	974 81
Catawba	125 00					1 00		126 00
Cedar Grove	30 00		20 00	5 00		2 13		57 13
Centerview	135 35		93 41	4 72	17 67			251 15
Corinth	200 00			7 66		1 00		208 66
Dallas	840 00		119 49	138 28	26 00	3 50	545 96	1673 23
Denver						75		75
East Belmont	1100 00	248 43	846 37	186 40	50 00	1 75	10 00	2442 95
East Gastonia	2047 85	5697 36	617 93	341 58		5 00	226 37	8936 10
Faith	106 00		17 00	5 00				128 00
Gastonia First	2700 00		1896 77	342 07	31 96	5 00	8124 13	13099 93
Hickory First	2055 00	71 63	468 56	194 25	119 10	5 00	473 00	3386 54
Hickory Grove	406 50		20 32	38 19	2 30	1 20	38 25	506 76
Highland	450 00	162 00	43 16	54 72		2 10	156 30	868 28
High Shoals	300 00			60 10		1 20	113 86	475 16
Kidd's Chapel	100 00		26 30	13 00		1 00		140 30
Lawings Chapel	208 40	5 00	3 50	17 39		1 90	45 85	282 04
Leonard's Fork	110 00				2 00			112 00
Lincolnton Ave	256 55		74 30	64 48		2 00	72 40	469 73
Lincolnton First	1198 20	6434 00	487 25	105 85	58 00	5 00	359 25	8647 55
Long Creek	836 02	6443 50	371 50	243 97		2 50	6 95	7904 44
Long Shoals	82 00	2000 00		18 00				2100 00
Loray	1650 00	4877 21	390 00	248 21	11 00	3 00	221 38	7400 80
Lowell	704 25	699 82	23 40			1 90	8 00	1437 37
Macedonia	216 29			4 88	22 50	1 10	58 50	303 27
Maiden	575 00	1400 00	40 00	250 00	30 39	2 25	75 85	2373 10
Mayworth	775 48	14 00	24 75	129 97		1 20	188 14	1133 54
McAdenville	1285 00	292 15	33 75	391 55	104 94	1 25	304 60	2413 14
Mtn. Grove	200 00		12 00	22 79		1 00	30 00	265 79
Mtn View	133 00			30 00	15 00		26 00	204 00
Mt. Beulah	300 00	223 20	38 68	25 00		1 00	95 00	683 65
Mt. Holly	1500 00	305 00		141 30	77 17	2 00	719 14	2744 61
Mt. Ruhama	302 00	50 00	66 95	3 90	172 39	3 00	38 00	636 24
Mt. Zion	160 10	5 00		10 52		2 50	52 55	230 57
Newton	920 00	791 98	149 07	108 00	6 00	4 00		1939 05
Olivet	481 18	180 00	44 17	56 64		3 10	201 42	966 51
Penelope	100 00		10 00	33 00	5 00		43 70	191 70
Piney Grove	150 00		10 00	7 00		80		167 80
Providence	125 00			8 00		1 00	59 00	193 00
Reepsville	23 00							23 00
River View	500 00	350 00	96 46	64 85	59 40	2 00		1072 71
Salem	85 62		40 70	16 00		40		142 72
Sandy Plains	500 00	656 26	80 86			2 85	64 69	1304 66
Sharon	65 00		14 00	5 25	5 15			89 40
South Gastonia	676 39	2520 66	100 10	129 34	10 00	2 50	159 07	3598 06
Spencer Mtn.	263 30			54 22		1 00	9 62	328 14
Startown	55 00							55 00
Thessalonica						35		35
Tuckeseege	178 32	58 00	6 00	50 00	20 00	1 40	35 00	348 72
Warlick's	150 00	7 50	56 00	9 00		50		223 00
Webb's Chapel	148 46	133 80		7 85	1 46		22 45	314 02
West Hickory	1200 00	405 25	171 77	160 25	31 05	3 00	109 77	2081 09
Total	29009 76	34342 65	7329 80	4033 98	935 48	91 73	13035 95	88774 36

NAME OF CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. School Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Minister's Relief	Totals
Alexis	60 69	13 40	13 40		33 [illegible]		13 40	134 04
Amity	2 00	3 00	3 00		2 83		2 00	12 83
Belmont First	234 46	137 44	288 37	3 93	101 87	702 21	21 72	1490 00
Bethel	6 15	3 00	3 00	2 00	6 00		5 00	25 15
Brookford	35 00	25 00	40 00		34 00	64 00		198 00
Bruington	66 00	24 25			65 00	77 50		230 75
Catawba	10 00	5 00	7 19		7 00			29 19
Cedar Grove		3 00	3 19					6 37
Corinth	10 00	7 00	7 00		6 00		4 00	34 00
Dallas	70 00	70 00	70 00	27 91	157 03	25 00	15 00	464 00
Denver	20 00	7 00	10 00					37 00
East Belmont	189 51	61 44	67 47		306 94	97 25	10 68	733 28
East Gastonia	381 52	233 91	253 37		520 61	88 69	15 00	1493 10
Faith	2 00	5 00	10 00		4 15			21 15
Gastonia First	478 30	481 46	755 60	60 32	720 41	794 73	91 24	3382 06
Hickory First	815 40	250 00	433 29	10 00	351 00	391 81	25 00	2276 50
Hickory Grove	39 00	59 62	40 31	30 00	126 25	23 00	5 75	323 93
Highland	22 23	22 23	22 23		33 13	40 00		139 82
High Shoals	15 00	11 50	17 50		54 84	226 00		524 84
Kidd's Chapel	51 00							51 00
Lawings Chapel	18 56	19 26	19 26		23 90		10 00	90 98
Leonard's Fork	16 00	5 00	5 00		5 00	2 00	5 00	38 00
Lincolnton Ave	16 50	10 00	15 28		50 66		10 00	102 44
Lincolnton First	40 60	44 60	60 50		252 04	62 50	10 50	470 74
Long Creek	44 00		26 00		83 15	10 00	6 00	169 15
Long Shoals	5 00	5 00	5 00					15 00
Loray	165 69	137 87	183 17	10 00	244 40	1638 12	10 00	2389 25
Lowell								
Macedonia	3 46	3 46	3 46		7 05	3 00	3 46	23 89
Maiden	12 00	20 00	36 00		10 00	11 55	5 00	94 55
Mayworth	143 09	73 44	66 49		57 53	36 12		376 67
McAdenville	344 50	11 85	29 00		45 00	521 25		951 60
Mtn. Grove	20 00	19 00	26 00		10 00	3 00	3 58	81 58
Mtn. View	7 20				5 00			12 25
Mt. Beulah					10 00			10 00
Mt. Holly		17 65	80 43		82 62	17 65	16 16	214 15
Mt. Ruhama	51 34				32 00			83 34
Mt. Zion	13 00	14 00	13 00		13 24			53 24
Newton	60 00	37 70	50 00		103 30	307 51	15 00	570 51
Olivet	42 91	26 36	30 61		49 16		5 53	154 57
Penelope	18 30				3 75			22 05
Piney Grove	4 25	3 00	3 00	1 50	6 00	1 65	1 00	20 40
Providence	13 94	10 02	13 36		15 00		4 00	56 32
Reepsville		2 00	3 00		5 00			10 00
River View	17 50	17 60	23 50		51 20	5 00	5 00	124 80
Salem	34 82				6 79	3 05		44 66
Sandy Plains	23 21	22 96	23 34		110 18	77 62		257 31
Sharon	6 00	8 10	8 68		6 95			29 73
South Gastonia	60 00	23 00	27 00		85 83		7 32	203 15
Spencer Mtn.	10 03		27 40		20 48		3 50	61 41
Startown	5 00	3 00	4 00		4 00	1 00	3 00	20 00
Thessalonica	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 23		1 00	5 23
Tuckeseege	4 00	4 00	4 00		68 92		2 00	82 92
Warlick's	8 00	4 00	4 00	1 39	14 11			31 50
Webb's Chapel	3 30	2 38	3 00		7 50		1 05	17 23
West Hickory	28 75	28 70	38 30		48 97	4 25		148 97
Total	3750 21	1998 20	2877 70	147 05	4070 17	5235 46	336 89	18415 67

NAME OF CHURCHES	When Organized	NAME OF PASTORS	Seating Capacity	Value of Church Property	Sunday of Preaching	Church Clerks and Addresses
Alexis	1903	A. W. Setzer	400	1500	1	S. M. Stroup.....Alexis
Amity	1905	P. W. Bangle	300	500	3	E. L. Ballard....Iron Station
Belmont First	1874	F. M. Huggins	500	10500	*	W. H. Stowe.....Belmont
Bethel	1895	H. B. Chronister	500	500	1	W. C. Mullen.....Lincolnton
Brookford	1907	S. A. Rhyne	500	2500	2, 4	Albert Edwards R-1, Hickory
Bruington	1853	W. W. Rimmer	400	2000	1, 3	J. O. Smith .....Stanley
Catawba	1875	J. B. Pruett	500	3000	1	D. L. Wike.....Catawba
Cedar Grove		L. R. Williams			3	T. G. Bost..... R-3, Newton
Centerview	1914	" "	500	1500	4	J. F. Hovis.....Maiden
Corinth	1855	Vance Havner	500	800	4	G. W. Hood.....Reepsville
Dallas	1877	J. L. Vipperman	800	15000	2, 4	J. R. Lewis..... Dallas
Denver	1914	None			none	H. N. Abernethy ...Denver
East Belmont	1912	R. G. Mace	600	8000	*	W. L. Chapman..... Belmont
East Gastonia	1901	C. C. Kiser	600	60000	*	D. M. Robinson .... Gastonia
Faith	1906	H. B. Laughridge	300	1200	4	B. E. Ballard....Iron Station
Gastonia First	1884	W. C. Barrett	600	25000	*	C. M. Moore .....Gastonia
Hickory First	1870	W. R. Bradshaw	1000	25000	*	Thos. P. Pruett.....Hickory
Hickory Grove	1913	W. B. McClure	400	2500	2, 4	J. Lee Abernethy ....Lowell
Highland	1912	S. A. Rhyne	400	4000	1, 3	W. T. Harris, ..R-2, Hickory
High Shoals	1902	J. J. Waldrop	450	5000	3	M. C. Dellinger..High Shoals
Kidd's Chapel	1872	J. W. P. Hill	300	1200	4	W. A. Pool..... Iron Station
Lawings Chapel	1907	S. A. Stroup	400	1000	3	Samuel Bandy, R-4 Lincolnton
Leonard's Fork	1882	D. F. Putnam	300	1000	1	J. W. Hoover, ... Crouse
Lincolnton Ave	1911	S. A. Stroup	300	800	4	E. M. Lankford .. Lincolnton
Lincolnton First	1815	J. A. Snow	400	10000	*	J. T. Perkins.....Lincolnton
Long Creek	1772	J. L. Vipperman	500	12000	1, 3	A. R. Holland ..... Dallas
Long Shoals		W. W. Rimmer	300	2000	4	R. B. Gates, ...Lincolnton
Loray	1905	G. P. Abernethy	700	1500	*	R. F. Littlejohn ....Gastonia
Lowell	1892	C. Q. Rhyne	400	3000	1,2,3	Jake Hendrix..... Lowell
Macedonia	1869	W. B. McClure	400	1000	1	W. W. Lawing....Lincolnton
Maiden	1891	L. R. Williams	400	4000	1, 3	E. D. Williams.....Maiden
Mayworth	1911	C. L. Taylor			1,2,3	W. L. Beach ..... Mayworth
McAdenville	1887	Rush Padgett	400	4560	*	B. H. Waters....McAdenviile
Mtn. Grove	1881	A. W. Setzer	400	1500	2	G. F. Huffman .....Hickory
Mtn. View	1853	L. R. Williams	350	800	2	M. A. Gilleland .....Maiden
Mt. Beulah	1916	J. L. Vipperman	400	3000	2, 4	J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City
Mt. Holly	1890	C. A. G Thomas	500	4700	*	M L. Barnes .....Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama	1816	L. P. Smith	400	1500	2	T. H. Caldwell,. R-2 Newton
Mt. Zion	1869	B.F. Laughridge	400	1500	3	L. H. McClure .....Alexis
Newton	1882	G. W. Wilburn	800	20000	*	G. C. Furr .....Newton
Olivet	1833	Without Pastor	500	3000	2, 4	J. T. Ervin.....Catawba
Penelope	1888	L. P. Smith	300	1500	1	I. F. Hildebrand, R-4, Hickory
Providence	1878	C. E. Beaver	300	700	4	R. L. Asherbraner ...Henry
Piney Grove	1904	G. W. Wilburn	400	1000	2, 4	Lee Setzer.....R-2, Newton
Reepsville	1899	P. W. Bangle	250	1000	2	Thos. Detter.. .. Cherryville
River View	1897	W. W. Rimmer	300	1000	2, 4	A. L. Cline .....Southside
Salem	1847	J. W. P. Hill	400	700	1, 3	C. F. Clanton..... Lincolnton
Sandy Plains	1863	W. A. Hough	400	1500	2, 4	N. A. Jenkins .....Gastonia
Sharon	1854	H. B. Chronister	500	700	4	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station
South Gastonia	1917	W. A. Hough	500	20000	*	L. G. Redding .... .Gastonia
Spencer Mtn.	1909	C. Q. Rhyne			4	W. A. Hawkins ..... Lowell
Startown	1896	G. W. Wilburn	300	500	3	Miss Grace Wilson .. Newton
Thessalonica	1830	A. W. Setzer	300	500	2	W. P. Rhoney.....Newton
Tuckeseege	1911	L. A. Bangle	300	1100	2, 4	J. L. Thomas .....Mt. Holly
Warlick's	1875		500	1500	1	A. J. Cook.....Hickory
Webb's Chapel	1892	W.W. Rimmer	200	1000	2	F. B. Carpenter .. Lincolnton
West Hickory	1907	L. P. Smith	400	3000	*	J. R. Pierce.....Hickory

* Preaching every Sunday.

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Office	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Totals	Ch. Mem. in S. S.	Mo. Kept O.	Baptisms in S. S.
Alexis	S. M. Stroup, Alexis	1	14	133	147	46	12	10
Belmont First	W. J. Francis, Belmont	1	14	176	190	45	12	20
Bethel	W. T. Hill, Lincolnton	1	7	121	128		9	12
Brookford	Fred Lineberger, Hickory	1	9	137	146	70	12	6
Bruington	J. P. Callaway, Stanley	1	9	112	121	60	12	4
Catawba	C. B. Wike, Catawba	1	4	50	54	25	12	5
Cedar Grove	John Beard, Newton, R-4	1	4	30	34	12	12	
Centerview	W. M. Turbyfill, Maiden	1	7	94	101	60	12	6
Corinth	R. P. Havner, Henry	1	8	117	125		12	3
Dallas	R. S. Lewis, Dallas	1	9	110	119	85	12	18
East Belmont	W. L. Chapman, Belmont	1	19	131	350	130	12	18
East Gastonia	C. B. Newton, Gastonia	1	20	375	395	60	12	18
Faith	B. E. Ballard, Iron Station	1	5	35	40	20	5	
Gastonia First	W. J. Clifford, Gastonia	1	17	260	277		12	
Hickory First	Thos. Pruett, Hickory	1	26	290	316		12	19
Hickory Grove	T. A. Lineberger, Lowell	1	9	89	98		12	1
Highland	H. A. Ball, Hickory, R-2	1	10	150	160	50	12	9
High Shoals	M. C. Dellinger, High Shoals	1	8	119	127	63	12	4
Kidds Chapel	W. A. Pool, Iron Station	1	4	44	48	28	12	4
Lawings Chapel	R. B. Cook, Lincolnton	1	11	111	122	65	12	4
Lincolnton Ave	J. A. Hallman, Lincolnton	1	7	89	96	40	12	17
Lincolnton First	J. O. Allen, Lincolnton	1	12	200	212	100	12	8
Long Creek	F. M. Pasour, Dallas	1	10	190	200	90	12	13
Long Shoals	R. B. Gates, Lincolnton	1					12	
Loray	W. Lee Smith, Gastonia	1	15	250	265	100	12	100
Lowell	Jake Hendrix, Lowell	1	11	175	186		12	
Macedonia	W. A. Potts, Lincolnton, R-3	1	7	63	70	33	12	2
Maiden	James Williams, Maiden	1	12	200	212	125	12	6
Mayworth	A. W. Young, Mayworth	1	13	350	363	40	12	2
McAdenville	J. C. Pence, McAdenville	1	12	288	300		12	27
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckerd, Hickory, R-1	1	7	73	80	15	12	
Mtn. View	W. W. Moore, Maiden	1	7	70	77	32	9	2
Mt. Beulah	E. H. Biggerstaff, Besm'r C'y	1	9	84	93	60	12	3
Mt. Holly	M. L. Barnes, Mt. Holly	1	11	192	203			
Mt. Ruhama	W. M. Caldwell, Maiden, R-1	1	10	90	100	60	12	1
Mt. Zion	Not given	1	7	65	72			
Newton	B. L. Ledwell, Newton	1	15	187	202		12	
Olivet	Osborne Brown, Long Island	1	9	101	110		12	
Penelope	Monroe Phillps, Hickory, R-4	1	8	94	102	20	12	3
Piney Grove	E. T. Barker, Maiden	1	6	40	46	30	12	2
Riverview	A. L. Cline, Southside	1	8	125	133		12	10
Sandy Plains	John Miller, Lowell	1	9	150	159		12	6
Sharon	L. D. Dellinger, Iron Station	1	6	68	74	26	9	
South Gastonia	G. H. Logan, Gastonia	1	10	215	225	75	12	33
Spencer Mtn.	John Cloninger, Lowell	1	8	112	120	40	12	
Tuckeseege	W. C. Daniel, Mt. Holly	1	8	125	133	42	12	
Webbs Chapel	J. B. Summey, Lincolnton	1	5	30	35	20	12	
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy, Hickory	1	10	221	232	60	12	
Totals		48	465	6531	6996	1827		405

NOTE—9 Churches made no report of Sunday Schools.

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Clerk_____J. F. Click, Hickory, N. C.
Member State Mission Board_____J. A. Snow, Lincolnton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1 year)	(2 years)	(3 years)
S. T. Gaddy	D. C. Williams	J. Y. Killian
L. V. Padgett	J. D. Elliott	Lee Cline

ORDAINED MINISTERS

P. W. Bangle, Lincolnton, N. C.
W. L. Barrs, Hickory, N. C.
J. H. Boggs, Marion, N. C.
W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory, N. C.
H. B. Chronister, Maiden, N. C.
L. A. Connell, Catawba, N. C.
H. M. Croom, Hickory, N. C. R-3.
W. C. Hart, Brookford, N. C.
M. I. Harris, Hickory, N. C. R-4.
Vance Havner, Henry, N. C.
W. F. Huggins, Maiden, N. C.
G. C. Ivery, Cherryville, N. C.
B. H. Laughridge, Maiden, N. C.
W. B. McClure, Alexis, N. C.
J. B. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C.
W. W. Rimmer, Lincolnton, N. C.
A. W. Setzer, Maiden, N. C.
S. A. Stroup, Lincolnton, N. C. R-4.
J. A. Snow, Lincolnton, N. C.
J. J. Waldrop, Henry, N. C.
S. E. Whisnant, Maiden, N. C.
H. C. Whitener, Hickory, N. C.
L. R. Williams, Maiden, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Fork Baptist Association met with Mountain Grove Church, on Wednesday, October 27, 1920, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The song and praise and gathering-in service was led by the pastor of the Association, A. W. Setzer.

After the song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," the Moderator, Osborne Brown, called the Association to order, prayer by W. C. Hart, pastor of Brookford Church.

THE ANNUAL SERMON

After the song, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," the Annual Sermon was preached by J. A. Snow, pastor of First Lincolnton Church. Text, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his."—II Tim. 2:19. A timely sermon. All enjoyed it. Prayer by W. R. Bradshaw.

After the Song, "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord," the Moderator stated that the Association was ready to proceed to business.

The roll of churches was called, and the delegates of 20 of the 37 churches were present, with delegates, and who, together with those coming later, were enrolled as follows:

Amity—E. L. Ballard, J. F. Bradshaw.

Bethel—A. M. Harrell, H. B. Chronister, J. A. Wilson, W. C. Mullen.

Brookford—W. C. Hart, C. P. Edwards.

Catawba—J. F. Danner, R. L. Ervin.

Centerview—By letter only.

Corinth—Thomas Speagle, G. W. Whitworth, R. P. Heavner, Pinkney Baker.

Denver—By letter only.

Hickory First—Thos. P. Pruitt, J. R. Hosley, L. L. Hatfield, W. R. Bradshaw, J. F. Click, A. J. Essex, R. M. Perry.

Highland—H. C. Whitener, S. C. Duncan, Mrs. W. T. Harris, Miss Espie Teague, H. M. Croom.

Kidds Chapel—Mrs. W. F. Keever, S. A. Whitener, W. F. Keever.

Lawing's Chapel—R. B. Cook, G. S. Whisnant, W. H. Caldwell, S. A. Stroup.

Leonard's Fork—J. W. Hoover, Mrs. J. W. Hoover, T. J. Hoover, Thomas Heavner.

Lincolnton First—J. O. Allen, J. A. Snow, T. J. Ramseur, D. C. Williams.

Lincolnton Avenue—Baxter Alexander, J. J. Waldrop, E. M. Hallman, J. L. Gilbert.

Macedonia—J. F. McKinnis, N. P. Williams.

Maiden—L. R. Williams, H. B. Laughridge, E. S. Whisnant, J. N. Canipe.

Mountain Grove—A. W. Setzer, C. S. Eckard, J. B. Rockett, Calvin Baker, Jones F. Abernathy.

Mountain View—W. W. Moore, D. L. Blalock, F. E. Litten, M. O. Gilleland.

Mount Ruhama—Edward Caldwell, S. M. Abernathy, Claud Abernathy, Fred Caldwell, Mack Caldwell.

Mount Zion—J. H. McClure, L. A. McClure.

Newton—Mrs. J. Y. Killian, Miss Lavenia Ervin, S. T. Gaddy, J. S. Lancaster, B. L. Ledwell.

Olivet—L. A. Connell, J. T. Ervin, Fred Setzer, F. B. Tilley, Osborne Brown.

Penelope—I. M. Mildebrand.

Providence—N. M. Lutz, G. P. Young.

Piney Grove—By letter only.

Reepsville—John Helms.

River View—W. W. Rimmer, Ralph Rimmer.

Salem—By letter only.

Sharon—By letter only.

Startown—Mrs. Geo. Thorneburg, Mrs. G. W. Wilson, Jno. F. Burris.

Thessalonica—W. P. Rhoney.

Warlicks—Stanley Berry, Walter Finger, Loy Berry.

Webbs Chapel—F. B. Carpenter, Mrs. F. B. Carpenter.

West Hickory—W. L. Barrs, O. G. Jenkins, E. H. Chester, J. T. Weaver, J. P. Burch.

Cedar Grove, Faith and Long Shoals were not represented by letter or delegates.

The Moderator stated that the next business was the election of officers, and called S. T. Gaddy to the chair.

By motion, the Association proceeded in the usual way to the election.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected: Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice-Moderator, A. W. Setzer; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, J. O. Allen.

The following visitors were recognized and made welcome to seats in the body: Rev. J. A. McKaughn and Rev. J. T. Bowden of the Green River Association, one pastor at Rutherfordton, N. C., the other pastor at Marion, N. C.

The following new pastors to this Association were recognized and introduced to the body: H. C. Whitener, pastor of Highland; W. C. Hart, pastor of Brookford; and L. A. Connell, pastor of Olivet Church.

By motion, the Association adjourned 40 minutes for dinner. Prayer, Rev. J. T. Bowen leading.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a delicious, fine dinner, at 1:15, the Association reassembled. After a song, H. B. Chronister reads Rom. 1:1 to 10. Prayer by W. W. Rimmer.

After the song, "Onward Christian Soldiers," the Moderator called the Association to order.

A. W. Setzer, for program committee, submitted the following:

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

1:15—Devotional

1:25—Biblical Recorder.
1:40—Ministers' Relief.
2:10—B. Y. P. U.
2:20—Temperance.
3:00—Orphanage.
3:30—Woman's Work.
4:00—Adjournment.

EVENING PROGRAM

7:00—Devotional.
7:20—Sunday Schools.
7:30—Annual Sermon.

A. W. SETZER,
For Committee.

The program was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

To nominate members of the Executive Committee: J. A. Snow, L. R. Williams, J. A. Essex.

On place and preacher: A. M. Harrell, S. E. Whisnant, Robt. Cook.

L. R. Williams read the following report:

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder has had a very important part in the development of Baptist thought and life in North Carolina. It should have the hearty support of every Baptist in our state. For 87 years the Recorder has been the organ of the North Carolina Baptists. During all this time, it has given its influence to the promotion of every department of denominational work. Its columns are used freely by the servants of the denomination who have charge of our institutions and various enterprises.

The chief aim of the Recorder is to be true to its name, to be biological in its teaching and to record the acts of North Carolina Baptists from week to week. It is a faithful Recorder of the news as it makes its visits into our homes.

But the Recorder is more than a denominational organ. It is a family paper as well. Its columns carry important matter into the home which gives information that every Baptist should have. It goes into our Baptist homes to teach and to inspire and to lead our people to do greater things for the cause of Christ.

The Recorder is owned by a joint stock company. It was organized at the request of the convention 20 years ago to own and publish the paper. No one holds his stock for financial gain, but for the good of the cause and the glory of God.

On August 1st, the price of the paper was raised to $2.50. But no one should offer this as a criticism, for the directors were forced to take this step. Other things were advancing in price and it was reasonable that the price of the Recorder should be raised.

The Recorder management has made a proposition to churches which will make it possible for them to keep the price at $2.00 per year. If a church will put the Recorder in three-fourts of the resident families and send the name of the one in each family to whom the paper is to be sent, together with check to cover the amount of subscription, the paper will be sent to each individual as

a present for $2.00 a year. We hope our churches will take advantage of this proposition and secure the paper for $2.00 a year.

It is impossible to estimate the worth of our denominational paper. It is a source of inspiration. We find that our wide-awake church workers are readers of the Recorder. It is our duty to keep ourselves informed and keep in close touch with the work of our denomination.

Therefore, we would urge every pastor in this Association to put forth an earnest effort to put the Recorder in every Baptist home.

L. R. WILLIAMS.

The report was discussed by L. R. Williams, and accepted.

By motion, the report on Ministers Relief was deferred until tomorrow morning.

T. P. Pruitt read the following report:

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The B. Y. P. U. is an organization which was formed to meet the needs of those coming into our churches who are untrained in Christian service and since its beginning, it has been the training school of our church. No department of our church life is as little understood and less appreciated by the mass of our people as this organization. This is a day when education counts for a great deal, and to secure a Christian education is a paramount obligation resting upon us all. The B. Y. P. U. is an organization to train our young people in order that they may be qualified to fill the various positions of the church when they shall be called to places of responsibility.

Regardless of what be our individual ideas about the B. Y. P. U., it is here to stay. It meets a need in our church life. It trains our young folks. It places a definite responsibility upon them and if given the proper opportunity to develop, will turn out a product well worthy of the organization. We have reached a period of our denominational life when our young folks must know why they are Baptists.

We have had in the past, and have today too many Baptists because of heridity and environment, rather than conviction. And one of the underlying objects of every B. Y. P. U. organization is to teach those coming into our church the doctrines we all hold so dear in order that we may at all times be able to give a reason for the faith that is in us.

Any church in this Association desiring information in regard to the organization of a B. Y. P. U., can secure this information by writing to Mr. Perry Morgan at Dunn, N. C., who is the new Field Secretary of our organization.

We recommend that the Association assembled ask each pastor in the Association to furnish the State Field Secretary, Mr. Morgan, and also our associational B. Y. P. U. director with a list of the churches of which he is pastor which have B. Y. P. U.'s, and a list of those churches which do not have B. Y. P. U's, together with an approximate list in numbers, not names, of the young people between the ages of ten and twenty-five who are members of the various churches.

We recommend further, that the associational director, an officer created by the last session of our Association, as soon as practical, call an associational convention of all the B. Y. P. U's in

our Association to meet for the express purpose of enlarging our work and reaching the young people in our churches who are not aligned with the B. Y. P. U. work.

Our young people of today will direct the church policy of tomorrow. Let's send them into service fully equipped to meet the problems which lie out before them.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. P. PRUITT.

After being discussed by T. P. Pruitt, the report was adopted.

By motion of W. W. Rimmer, T. P. Pruitt was elected B. Y. P. U. director for the Association.

J. B. Pruitt read the following report:

TEMPERANCE

That which is old is ever new. That which is known, needs often to be told. The question of temperance is an old question. It is as old as the Bible; as old as the race; as old as any question of fact in the law of life or in the economy of grace. And yet as paradoxical as it may seem, it is ever a new one. Old, yet ever new. Old, because it is a question which points back to the beginning of the human race, and has vitally affected all the nations of all the centuries. The question of temperance. It is new, new, because it touches our present and future welfare. In every fundamental idea of justice, economy, and truth, temperance is a vital element. Perhaps no question of recent years has been the subject of more serious thought by the best people of our country than this one, as it applies to strong drink. In science, in art, in literature—from the pulpit and in the family circle—on the street, and in our halls of legislation, this question has been before us. Now, we all rejoice that today the liquor traffic is dead legally in our country. But in fact it is not dead in the sense in which none is made and sold. For we know in all parts of our State, both men and women are making and selling the accursed thing. And even within the bounds of our Association, it is made and sold. Now. as members of the churches composing this body, what is our duty? I hesitate to name it. Why? Because no one knows it better than you do.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. PRUITT.

The report was adopted without discussion.

By motion and request, Mrs. J. Y. Killian read the report on the

ORPHANAGE

Ever since our Saviour held out His hands to the little children, blessed them and said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," childhood has been a sacred trust in the hearts of His followers. Later, when James, writing the principles of applied Christianity, gave as a test of pure religion, the care of the fatherless, the duty of caring for orphan children became not only an obligation, but a Christian virtue.

In 1885, the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville opened its doors to the orphans of the denomination, and ever since that eventful day, it has been the pride of North Carolina Baptists. In the

thirty-five years of its history, it has enrolled 1900 boys and girls which have been trained into men and women of the highest type. Our state has been enriched by this citizen-making institution.

The Baptists of North Carolina feel deeply their duty and privilege in having such an institution, and have ever loyally supported the Orphanage, responded generously to its growing needs. All thinking people must be amazed at the three-fold results, physical, mental and spiritual, that the institution is accomplishing. We find there, applied Christianity in every phase of life; and for that fact alone, a call comes to every Baptist for increased interest and larger gifts. Increased costs of living, larger expenditures for all forms of equipment make this necessary.

And the piteous cry for admittance from utterly helpless and dependent children, makes our hearts ache, and we long for more effective legislation for the widow and the fatherless of our state. The state welfare work is doing all possible under the existing laws to help mothers to keep their families intact, but we need a Widow's Pension Law in North Carolina to provide help for the utterly dependent. Such a law would relieve the tenseness in the denomination on those that clamor in vain for admittance, and also the congestion at the Orphanage. Your committee would recommend the following:

1. That every Baptist in the South Fork Association give more than the proceeds of one day's labor as a Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage.

2. That every Sunday School in the South Fork Association give the collection of the first Sunday in each month to the Orphanage, letting that day be known in the Sunday School Calendar as Orphanage Sunday.

3. That as many Sunday Schools in the Association as can possibly do so, adopt an orphan, that is, provide for the support of at least one, thereby increasing both interest and gifts to the Orphanage.

4. That all schools subscribe for clubs of Charity and Children.

Respectfully submitted,

J. YATES KILLIAN.

The report was discussed by M. L. Kestler, superintendent of the Orphanage, and adopted.

Rev. J. A. McKaughan, a visiting brother, makes a brief statement as to his visit, and departed for his home.

S. T. Gaddy read the following:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The executive committee of the South Fork Association met at the call of the chairman on November 19, 1919, at Newton, N. C. Members present, Osborne Brown, ex-officio, J. Y. Killian, J. T. Ervin, S. T. Gaddy. Bro. J. A. Snow, of Lincolnton, was present and stated that he had been delegated by Bro. D. C. Williams to come and act as his proxy, as he could not attend. By unanimous vote, Brother Snow was recognized as prozy for Bro. D. C. Williams.

J. Y. Killian was elected chairman and S. T. Gaddy secretary of the committee for the ensuing year.

The following application for help from the State Mission Board

was received and recommendations made accordingly:

Amity	$ 60.00
Reepsville	60.00
Lincoln Avenue	252.00
Leonard's Fork	150.00
Brookford	180.00
Highland	180.00
Denver	100 00
	$982.00

The appropriation for Denver was made on the conditions that they were to make an every member canvas and arrange for a pastor. The matter was left in the hands of Brethren Brown and Snow to help arrange for a pastor for the church.

It was also agreed to set aside $100.00 for mission work in North Newton, same to be done through Newton Baptist Church and local members of the executive committee.

Bro. W. W. Rimmer was authorized to make out application and send in for $200.00 for Long Shoals to assist them paying for their church building.

Secretary W. N. Johnson advises us that up to October 1, 1920, the following amounts had been paid in the South Fork Association since January 1, 1920:

Amity	$ 45.00
Reepsville	45.00
Lincoln Avenue	205.64
Leonards' Fork	100.00
Brookford	60.00
Highland	105.00
Denver	34.20
	$594.84

The matter of an associational missionary, or an enlistment man, was discussed by the committee and Bro. J. A. Snow, the association's member of the State Mission Board, was instructed to see what could be done toward securing a man for the South Fork and South Mountain Associations, we having the information that this association wanted to join us in the proposition, they to have the missionary or enlistment man one-third time and we to have him two-thirds time. The committee was of the opinion that this would be one of the greatest steps forward that we could take in educating and developing our weaker churches, and in building up the Baptist cause in the territory embraced in these two associations. The matter of purchasing a tent for the use of the enlistment man to hold meetings was also discussed and while the committee was favorable to the proposition, it was deemed best to refer this matter to the next meeting of the Association.

Resectfully,

S. T. GADDY,
Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator called A. W. Setzer to the chair and submitted the following:

SECRETARY-TREASURER SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

Receipts

1919		
Nov. 1st—Cash on hand		$ 519.72
Nov. 12th—From T. J. Ramseur (check from S. J. Honeycut)		5.00
Nov. 12th—From T. J. Ramseur, overpayment		.50
Total		$ 525.22

Disbursements

1919		
Oct. 31st—To J. D. Ellictt, reimbursement		$ 123.60
Oct. 31st—To J. Y. Killian, reimbursement		123.60
Oct. 31st—Osborne Brown, reimbursement		123.60
Oct. 31st—To T. J. Ramseur, reimbursement		74.50
Balance cash on hand		79.92
Total		$ 525.22

Resources.

1919		
Dec. 1, 1920—Cash on hand as above statement		$ 79.92
Notes, Maiden Graded School	$1,400.00	
Oct. 26, 1920—Interest on above notes	175.00	
		1,575.00
Notes and mortgage, P. C. Costner	$2,000.00	
Oct. 26, 1920—Interest on above notes	246.66	
		2,246.66
Notes, Union Cotton Mills	$1,200.00	
Oct. 26th—Interest on above notes	88.00	
		1,288.00
Total—Present worth		$5,189.58

Resectfully submitted,

OSBORNE BROWN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary-Treasurer asked permission to turn over the money he had collected to the Executive Committee, and they be authorized to pay it over to Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges, equally for the purpose of establishing a scholarship in both institutions of equal value—Wake Forest scholarship for South Fork Association, and Meredith scholarship for Gaston County Association.

By motion the request was granted and he so instructed.

W. C. Hart read the following report:

WOMAN'S WORK

Wherever the work of the churches is discussed, a report of Woman's Work is appropriate; for from the days of the Apostolic Churches until the present time, they have had a work of great importance. The Apostle Paul, writing from a Roman prison, entreats his yokefellow at Philippi to help the women that labored with him there in the gospel, for he was not unmindful of the fact that there the gospel message first found response in the

hearts of a few women assembled for prayer by the side of the river.

In these days of feminist movements, most of which are endeavoring to destroy the God-appointed order of human society, it is refreshing to see the women of the churches forging ahead with the important work assigned to them, not doing, nor seeking to do the work of others, but concentrating upon the great tasks before them.

In the nature of the case this report must ignore the extensive work of the women in all avenues of service excepting that of Missionary activity, and even here it can only give a very limited view of the work really done.

At the woman's meeting held in Gastonia, October, 1919, the work was divided, leaving to the South Fork Association only a fraction of its former territory. For this reason it will be impossible to gain any conception of the growth of the work by comparing this report with the report of a year ago, since, as stated, this report does not cover the same field. We are assured, however, that the work along all lines is growing and that women are being enlisted in the work in ever increasing numbers.

A large amount of personal work is done by the women of the Association, which is reported quarterly to the office at Raleigh.

An associational meeting was held at the West Hickory Church September 15 and and 16 in which deep spirituality was evident, and large things were planned for the Master's cause.

The following statistics and report will give an idea of the present extent of the work:

Number of Woman's Missionary Societies	13
Number of Young Woman's Auxiliaries	2
Number of Girls' Auxiliaries	2
Number of Royal Ambassadors	1
Number of Sunbeams	5
Total number of societies	23
Number of new societies organized during the year (included in the above)	4
Total amount contributed for missions	$3,120.00
Number of letters written	175
Number of letters received	65
Number of Churches visited	15

The Missionary work is one of the most important lines of church work, and is worthy of all the labor bestowed upon it. The Missionary activities of a church are an index to its spiritual life, broadens its vision and usefulness, and, therefore, should be represented by active societies in every church of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HART

The report was discussed by W. C. Hart, Mrs. J. Y. Killian and J. B. Pruitt.

The report was adopted.

By motion the Association adjourned until 7:00 p. m. Prayer by W. W. Rimmer.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association met at 7:00 p. m.

A. W. Setzer conducted the devotional exercises, closing same

by prayer, W. M. Croom leading.

After a song, and prayer by B. H. Laughridge, the Moderator called the Association to order.

A. W. Setzer read the program for the night session.

J. E. Ervin read the following report:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There was never a time when we needed to emphasize the work of religious agency so much as now. Our Sunday School work has such large possibilities in winning the lost to Christ and training the saved for efficient service that we cannot afford to treat it lightly.

Southern Baptists have undertaken a great Sunday School program. As one of the features of the 75 Million Campaign, our Sunday School Board, with the campaign workers, have outlined for us a great challenging task. Therefore, we, in our Association, commit ourselves to the following policies for the next year and the year following:

1. **Enlargement.** There are at least 500,000 people in North Carolina unreached by any Sunday School, for whom white Baptists are responsible, if we do only our proportionate part of reaching the unreached. We commend the religious census as the best way of performing this task effectively.

2. **Adequate Organization and Equipment** are necessary if we are going to properly take care of these people and those already enrolled. This means that our workers must learn how to group, or grade, our pupils into the right kind of classes and departments. Then again, we must not forget the physical equipment that will at least meet minimum educational standards. We must provide class rooms, suitable seats, maps, blackboards, etc.

3. **Teacher Training** is a basal necessity in such an hour as this. Our Sunday School Board is urging our people to so press this work that by 1924 we shall have 150,000 people holding the Normal Diploma. This means a great forward movement in our work. We urge the heartiest co-operation on the part of our pastors, officers and teachers.

4. **Organized Classes** are the most effective organizations for reaching, training and using the men and women of our churches and congregations. No other plan has succeeded so well as this. Our Board is urging the registration in its "Organized Class Department" of at least 35,000 classes. This would mean a co-operative effort of over a million men and women in our Sunday Schools. We commend the "Organized Class Magazine" as the best periodical available for the officers of these classes.

5. **Evangelism** should be the main objective in the work of every Sunday School. Every year in our Baptist constituency at least 20,000 children reach the year of accountability. This does not include thousands and tens of thousands of larger boys and girls and men and women who are not saved and yet who must be reached by us if they are ever reached for the Kingdom. We commend a study of the book, "Winning to Christ," by all our Sunday School workers.

6. **Co-operation with the Sunday School Department** of the State Mission Board is our duty. This department stands ready at all times to send helpful tracts on practically every phase of Sunday School work. These are absolutely free and can be se-

cured from the Secretary, E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C. He will also aid in every possible way in providing Training Schools and Institutes for groups of churches in cities, towns or country. He urges the inquiry from every one who has an unsolved Sunday School problem.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ERVIN,
For Committee.

The report after being discussed by J. T. Ervin, H. B. Chronister and others, was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

To Audit Treasurer's Books—F. B. Tilly and Jones F. Abernathy.

To Nominate Two Delegates to the Baptist Convention, and One to the Southern Baptist Convention—W. R. Bradshaw, B. H. Laughridge and L. A. Connell.

The annual sermon was preached by W. W. Rimmer. Text, Sam. 10:22. A timely, practical sermon.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 a. m.

Prayer by L. A. Connell.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met promptly at 9 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by H. M. Croom, who read Matthew 20th chapter. Prayer by L. A. Connell.

After the song, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," the Moderator called the Association to order.

The program for the morning session was read by A. W. Setzer, and adopted as follows:

Morning Program

1. Special Business; (2) Obituaries; (3) Minister's Relief; (4) Foreign Missions; (5) State Missions; (6) Home Missions; (7) Miscellaneous Business.

By motion of A. W. Setzer the reading of yesterdays minutes was dispensed with.

Webbs Chapel ask for a letter of dismission to join the Gaston County Association.

By motion, the letter was granted, and the Clerk instructed to issue the same and forward it to their church clerk.

A. W. Setzer read the following special report:

ROUND HILL AND BOILING SPRINGS SCHOOLS

Your committees appointed at the last session of this body to investigate and report on the adoption of Round Hill, or Boiling Springs, as an Associational school, begs to report as follows:

Your committee desires to express its deep and abiding interest in Christian Education, and in Round Hill and Boiling Springs as a part of our denominational education system, but we find out of our quota of the 75 Million Fund, we are giving to each of these schools in accordance with the plans of the Educational Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We recommend that neither of these schools be adopted as an associational school, but

that our people patronize such of our denominational schools as may best meet their requirements.

J. A. SNOW,
W. R. BRADSHAW,
A. W. SETZER,
Committee.

The report was adopted.
S. A. Stroup read the following:

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Since our last annual session, God has called from our midst 21 of our brethren, as follows: Olivet, 1; Maiden, 1; Providence, 3; Highland, 1; Brookford, 2; Bethel, 2; West Hickory, 1; River View, 1; Penelope, 2; Leonard's Fork, 2; Hickory First, 2; Center View, 2; Mt. Ruhama, 2. Of this number was Rev. C. E. Beaver.

On September 1st, he was stricken by a Seaboard Railroad train and received injuries from which he died September 10th. At the time of his death, Brother Beaver was pastor of Providence, Wilkie's Grove, Long Shoals, and Tuckaseege churches. Brother Beaver had been an active pastor of churches for about twenty-seven years, and had been very successful in leading a great number to accept Christ. We owe to God our thanks and praise for sparing of the lives of so many of us yet to serve Him here below. May we so live as to meet all who have gone before in the "Haven of Eeternal Happiness."

S. A. STROUP.

The report was adopted, and by motion, the church clerks, in filling out their letters, were requested to give hereafter the names of those dying, so as to appear in the minutes.
The report was adopted.

DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS

W. R. Bradshaw, for the committee, read the following nominations for delegates:

To the State Convention—A. W. Setzer and W. C. Hart.
To Southern Baptist Convention—L. R. Williams.

W. R. BRADSHAW,
B. H. LAUGHRIDE,
L. A. CONNELL,
Committee.

The report was adopted, and the nominees declared elected.
T. J. Ramsuer read the following report:

MINISTER'S RELIEF

We beg leave to submit the following: A few years back, the amounts appropriated to this object were entirely inadequate. But we are glad to note that there has been a marked increase. At the last session of our State convention, it was arranged that the State Board would be continued, but that all the funds appropriated for the object would be sent to the general board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and be sent by them direct to the beneficiaries.

This year there was a good increase in the amounts sent, and there will be a greater increase, as more of the Seventy-five Million

Fund comes in. In order to better provide for our ministers and their families, there has been an insurance feature arranged that will enable our ministers to insure at a much less cost. Any minister under 60 years, can insure by paying half the premium, and the other half will be paid by the convention. This is said to be as safe as any Old Line Company, and much cheaper. Further information can be obtained by dropping a card to Dr. William Lunsford, Slaughter House Building, Dallas, Texas.

There has been set apart two and a half million dollars to the Ministerial Relief Fund; and this is to be paid out of the first money of the Seventy-five Million fund after the five-year period.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. RAMSEUR,
For Committee.

The report, after being discussed by W. C. Mullen, S. A. Stroup and J. T. Ervin, was adopted.

Several new delegates and visitors were recognized by the Moderator, and the delegates enrolled.

J. A. Snow read the following report:

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dr. Love says that the big missionary problem is: How can we impart the unchangeable gospel to the changing world and gain for the missionary enterprise all the advantage that conditions offer."

In Romans 1:14-15 we read I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel. A sense of moral responsibility have settled upon Christians everywhere and we feel that we owe every tribe, kindred and tongue in the world the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christianity has only to possess itself of native power to enter into its full missionary duty.

Again, quoting Dr. Love, the field is an open one for Baptists if they are ready to break camp and enter upon a mighty world campaign. The currents of human thought are favorable for the Baptist message. Their faith is the nearest religious counterpart of the demands of which the new age is making upon religion. These things which the leaders of men today are insisting upon are in many respects the very thing upon which Baptists have always insisted. No one can more strongly or consistently plead for personal, intelligent choice in religion, personal and vital experience of God, spirituality throughout their history, and a pure democracy, than Baptists, who have proclaimed throughout their history. If these are the marks of the new age, then the Baptist message meets the requirements.

We now have 341 missionaries and 969 ordained and unordained native helpers, making a total of 1,310 workers under the direction of our Foreign Mission Board. There were reported 6,512 baptisms last year. We have only two missionaries in Italy and they report 99 baptisms; in fact, the greatest number per capita workers, and China the lowest.

Fields: All old stations need recruits, and nearly all of the continent of Europe need missionaries. The Mohammedan millions need to have the Gospel preached to them. "I am debtor."

The new fields call for men and money, and we need to be

about our Father's business, calling out the called, and laying our treasures at the Master's feet.

Humbly submitted,
J. A. SNOW.

After being discussed by J. A. Snow, the report was adopted. W. R. Bradshaw read the following report:

STATE MISSION REPORT

In presenting this report on State Missions, your committee does not believe it out of place, just here, to voice the state-wide regret among our people that Dr. Walter N. Johnson will retire as Secretary of our Board of Missions at the close of this conventional year. Too much cannot be said in his praise. He has been consistently faithful and aggressive in the administration of our mission work. Our prayer is that a worthy successor may be selected at the coming session of our convention.

Christianity is missionary in its very essence. The history of our denomination is a history of missions. You can measure our progress by our missionary activity. If our mission spirit ever declines, that will be a signal for stagnation. Our people have always been loyal to our State mission work and State mission aims, through establishing bases of supply at home, to give the gospel to the world.

The division of the subject into State, Home and Foreign missions is a human division as has so often been said. This division has been justified by the necessities of administration and the distribution of the work, but is not strictly scriptural. It has been said that in Christ's analysis of the subject, one shades off gradually into the other. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Jerusalem and Judia are unquestionably what we denominate,, State Missions; Samaria, Home Missions; and "the uttermost parts of the earth," Foreign Missions. We must remember that the most cultured, unsaved soul in North Carolina is as truly lost as the meanest in China. There are many reasons that we might urge at this time for State Missions:

1. State Missions is the foundation of all denominational growth. It is a sure method of spreading our faith into every "nook and corner" of our State. When our missionaries go into new territory, it is the duty and pleasure to explain our doctrine unto the people. If we are going to keep pace with the development of our State; if we are to influence our people with our faith and shape the destiny, religiously, of our State, we must continue to be conspicuous for our State Mission zeal.

2. State Missions has and must always emphasize "evangelize." Evangelize has and must always be our first work. It is not enough that everybody in our State can hear the gospel. It is not enough that everybody on the Sabbath morning can hear a church bell. Our responsibility to bring men to Christ does not end when we have built a meeting house in reach of every one. We are not only commanded to "go into all the world," but also go "into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." There have been a dropping in confessions for the last two to three years. We must never let our evangelistic fervor cool. As our State increases in population, we ought to increase our efforts to

save the people.

3. The prosperity of our State makes new demands on State Missions. North Carolina is the richest State in the South. Our cotton and tobacco bring millions of dollars. Factories have sprung up until it has been said that "you can not get out of sight of the smoke of one factory until you can see the smoke of another," so the story goes. A State that at one time could only boast of "tar, pitch and turpentine," can now boast of wealth that can hardly be consumed. This wealth is having its influence on the character of our people. We must keep pace, spiritually, with this material prosperity.

4. This is a destiny-shaping hour. Your committee believes that the next five years will be the greatest destiny-shaping years that we have ever known in our generation. There are powerful, worldly influences abroad today. A tremendous conflict is on. If the battle is lost, who can forecast its influence. We must save our State—we must raise our part of the 75 millions. We must use a large sum of it right here among our own people. And the South Fork Association ought to gird itself to do aggressive work in building up the waste places, and bring greater efficiency to our churches in evangelizing the people within our territory. To do this, we respectively ask the Executive Committee of this Association to take the proper steps to employ a man for full time.

The subject was discussed by W. R. Bradshaw and S. T. Gaddy, and adopted.

L. A. Connell read the following report:

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845. Its work is of very great importance; first, because Jesus commanded, "Begin at Perusalem," which means our own land; second, because Foreign Missions will suffer unless the churches at home are built up.

The policy of the Board has been co-operative, and the work has grown continually, especially within the last few years, remarkable progress has been made. Ninety per cent of the towns and cities of the Southern States have at some time been Mission Stations of the Home Mission Board.

The work has been greatly blessed. Seventy years ago Baptists of the South numbered 450,000. No wthere are nearly 4,000,000, and much of this increase has been due to the Home Mission Board.

In 1845 there were in round numbers 8,000,000 people in the South; now there are 36,000,000. Out of this number 12,000,000 are professed Christians, while 2,000,000 are Roman Catholic and 22,000,000 make no profession of religion.

The two great tasks before the Southern Baptists are Evangelism and Enlistment. The day has come when Baptists must give more serious attention than ever before to the propagation of the truth as they see it. If we are to hold the South for Jesus Christ in these days of trial, in addition to evangelistic zeal, we must have a passion to save and develop what we have already won. We must save America if we are to save the world, and America's safety from disaster through materialism and greed is measured by the quality and the quantity of our religious faith. The quality of our faith and the extent to which it permeats and

inspires the masses of our people will determine whether we can get by the great problems that peace has brought without disastrous upheaval.

The estimated income of the South for 1919 was about $20,000,000,000. Baptists make up forty-five per cent of the population of the South. If we estimate that Baptists control only one-fourth of this wealth, the income would be $5,000,000,000. So then if Baptists would give one-tenth of their income, we would give $500,000,000 in one year to the work of our Lord. But instead of that we are taking five years in which to raise $75,000,000.

There has never been a time when a greater need confronted us for a great and comprehensive Home Mission program; and there has never been a time when such a program would count for so much as now. The day demands a sincere and well founded evangelism; something which will quiet the terrible unrest, and save the world from selfishness and greed and unholy ambitions. In the coming years we have the opportunity of lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes, and as we extend the borders of the Kingdom we should intensify the life and purpose of every church in the bounds of our convention. Every church should encourage its pastor to be evangelistic. The evangelistic note should be in the regular worship of our churches; the Sunday Schools should be constantly seeking the safest and surest way of winning every pupil to Christ, and the Missionary Society and all other organizations of the church should have soul winning woven into their program and their work.

We are filled with gratitude to God for His favor upon our work throughout the year. The prevalence of influenza has retarded the work. Storms and flood have taken heavy toll of life and laid waste the homes of our people and wrought vast destruction of property, and much unrest has been among the people. The high cost of living, industrial and social agitation and other factors have mightily gripped and absorbed the attention of the people. And yet, in every field of our Home Mission activities the work has moved forward with greater enthusiasm and momentum and success than during any year of our past history.

As we look back at past achievements with profound thankfulness, we look forward to see an imperative need for enlargement of our work everywhere. We are in the midst of the reconstruction period, and the call is for the very best we have. The world has looked to us in recent years for leadership. We did not disappoint them during the great war, for at the opportune time we rushed to the help of the Allies with our men and means. Religiously, the world needs our leadership more than it needed our help during the war. If we fail in our own land to make Christ the central figure in our civilization, we shall not be able to enthrone Him among heathen nations.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. CONNELL,
For the Committee.

The report was discussed by L. A. Connell, and adopted.

Rev. C. A. Caldwell was recognized and made welcome to a seat in the body.

By request of the committee, the Clerk read the report on

PLACE AND PREACHER

Your committee on place for next session, and some one to preach the annual sermon, beg leave to submit the following:

Place—Lawings Chapel.

Preacher—W. R. Bradshaw.

Alternate—A. W. Setzer.

A. M. HARRELL,
E. S. WHISNANT,
R. B. COOK,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

A. W. Setzer offered the following amendment: "This Association shall meet annually on Friday after the fourth Sunday in September at 10 a. m."

After an amendment was offered and lost the original amendment carried by a two-thirds vote.

By motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by W. R. Bradshaw.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled. After two songs, "I Need Thee Every Hour" and "Home Over There," W. L. Barrs read 14 verses of Romans, 10th chapter.

After a duett by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Essex, "I Want To Be There, Don't You," the Moderator called the Association to order.

A. W. Setzer read the following report on

EDUCATION

In former years, Baptists have stressed evangelism to the neglect of some other important matters. We should not put less, but rather more emphasis on winning the lost to Christ; for this is our supreme task. To do this in the future with even equal success with that of the past, we must stress education as never before. There are now more than three thousand pastorless churches in the South—a condition largely due to the lack of competent men. Baptists must equip themselves to meet the conditions which have arisen in this new day or lose the opportunity of stamping their empress upon the world. Aside from TRUE CONSECRATION there is no equipment so essential as the education of our people. We have come upon the day when we must EDUCATE or DETERIORATE. As another has said (and there is no denying the statement) "EDUCATION IS DESTINY." It is a familiar fact that to many of our own Baptist people, the Bible is a closed book so far as their ability to read it for themselves is concerned. In our own State, the Army Draft revealed the fact that 487 out of 961 drafted men were illiterate. The census of 1910 disclosed that in several Southern States, one person out of five, ten years old and over, could not read and write. But we must not overlook the fact that there are NEAR illiterate as well as illiterates, and so we must add to the number constituting the one out of five of the population of these states, the multitures among us who can barely scribble their names and spell out a sentence with hardly a conception of its meaning—NEAR ILLITERATES.

Facing these facts our educational problem becomes tremendous. It has been ascertained, also, that 90 per cent of illiteracy is found in the rural districts. This fact adds to the Baptist educational problem, for a reason that a large portion of our Baptist people live in the country and compose the major part of that 90 per cent. It has been further disclosed that 80 per cent of all illiterates are adults. This fact adds still more to the Baptist educational problem, for the membership of our Baptist churches is almost wholly adult. Many, therefore, of those who compose the 80 per cent are our own people.

Today there comes to us such an appeal as was never sounded to the Baptist hosts before. Every Baptist institution of learning, whether college or secondary school, is overrun with students, many having been turned away for lack of room. In a number of instances, doubtless, these students, Baptist boys and girls, have found their way into the institutions of other denominations and State schools. Whatever else Baptists can afford to do or not to do, they CAN NOT AFFORD TO LET SOMEBODY ELSE EDUCATE THEIR BOYS AND GIRLS. The facts recited call for enlargement of the Baptist educational program, which, not to heed, means denominational suicide. This enlargement must take into consideration the education of ALL our people, housing facilities and teaching force, and, whether it shall comprehend the raising of standards in our institutions of higher education (possibly now too far removed from the masses of our people) it must include vocational training along fixed literary standards. Our denomination will not have met its educational task until every Baptist boy and girl, who desires it, shall have the opportunity of an education in a Baptist school in which every teacher is LOYAL to Christ and the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SETZER.

The report was discussed by A. W. Setzer, and adopted.

A. J. Essex read the following nominations for

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 year—S. T. Gaddy and L. V. Padgett.

2 years—D. C. Williams and J. D. Elliott.

3 years—J. Y. Killian and Lee Cline.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. ESSEX,
L. R. WILLIAMS,
J. A. SNOW,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

J. T. Ervin read the following report:

CLAIM OF H. C. KILLIAN

We, your committee, appointed for the purpose of passing on the account of H. C. Killian for $90.00, balance claimed as being due him on contract for the main school building of South Fork Institute, at Maiden, N. C., beg to make the following statements:

It appears that the reason Mr. Killian was not paid in full the contract price was that he failed to fulfill his contract in three

particulars:

1. The contract called for the building to be storm sheated, which was not done.

2. The large glass door, in front of building's main entrance, was not installed because it was broken in transit.

3. One large window on east side of building was not furnished by contractor.

It is the opinion of the committee that the above mentioned items will offset the claim of Mr. Killian, and we therefore recommend that the claim be disallowed.

E. S. WHISNANT,
J. T. ERVIN,
J. A. SNOW,
Committee.

The report was adopted and the Clerk instructed to give Mr. Killian a copy of the report.

By motion, J. A. Snow was elected as the Association's member of the State Mission Board.

W. W. Rimmer read the following:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, that this Association express its most sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of Mountain Grove Church for their most splendid and generous hospitality, lavished upon us during our most pleasant stay in their splendid community.

W. W. RIMMER.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to write reports for next session:

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS

Foreign Missions—W. R. Bradshaw.
Home Missions—W. C. Hart.
State Missions—J. A. Snow.
Woman's Work—A. W. Setzer.
Sunday Schools—S. T. Gaddy.
B. Y. P. U.—T. P. Pruitt.
Education—L. A. Connell.
Orphanage—S. A. Stroup.
Minister's Relief—W. C. Mullen.
Obituaries—H. C. Chronister.
Temperance—L. R. Williams.
Report of Executive Committee—The Chairman of Board.
Biblical Recorder—W. W. Rimmer.

The following report was read and adopted as audited:

I, J. O. Allen, Treasurer of the South Fork Association, beg leave to submit my annual report as follows:

Receipts

Oct. 29, 1919.

Minute Funds	$ 83.63
State Missions	100.38
Home Missions	53.64
Foreign Missions	71.12

Ministerial Education	3.00
Ministerial Relief	23.46
Orphanage	56.14
Missions, General	56.00
Sunday School Missions	1.39
Total Receipts	$448.76

Disbursements.

Nov. 13, 1919.

By Check, J. F. Click, Services as Clerk	$ 25.00
By Check, J. F. Click, to Pay for Minutes	58.63
By Check, Walter Durham, State Missions	100.38
By Check, Walter Durham, Home Missions	53.64
By Check, Walter Durham, Foreign Missions	71.12
By Check, Walter Durham, Christian Education	3.00
By Check, Walter Durham, Ministerial Relief	23.46
By Check, Walter Durham, S. S. Missions	1.39
By Check, Walter Durham, General Missions	56.00
By Check, F. B. Hamrick, Orphanage	56.14
Total Disbursements	$448.76

This October 27, 1920.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. ALLEN,
Treasurer.

We, the committee, appointed to audit the above report, beg leave to report that we fine it corfect.

Respectfully, —

JONES F. ABERNETHY,
F. B. TILLEY,
Committee.

By motion, a special collection was taken to supplement the minute fund, amounting to $20.45.

By motion, the Clerk was allowed $25.00 for his services in getting out the minutes.

There being no further business, by motion, the Association adjourned to meet in its next annual session with Lawings Chapel, on Friday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1921, at 10 a. m.

OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator.
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members, two from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. Six members shall be elected at this session, two from each section of the Association to serve one year, two from each section for two years, two from each section for three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of each session a Committee of three who shall nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Friday after the Fourth Sunday in September at 10 A. M. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be—Meet at 9:00 A. M., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association ,and superintend the printing of the minutes.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

NAME OF CHURCHES	Gain			Loss					
	Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	By Letters	Exclusion	By Death	Males	Females	Total Membership
Amity	6	2					35	37	72
Bethel	2	1		5		2	35	43	78
Brookford	23	20	7	14		2	39	88	127
Catawba	2	2		4			42	48	90
Centerview	8			5			38	34	72
Corinth	12	1		1			45	80	125
Denver		1					12	14	26
Hickory, First	33	68	2	26	3	2	222	273	495
Highland	18	12	3	18	1	1	46	107	153
Kidds Chapel				2			15	25	40
Lawings Chapel	11	10		5			64	91	155
Leonard's Fork	5			4	14	2	36	50	86
Lincolnton, First	6	12		6	1	1	104	154	258
Lincolnton, Avenue	4	3		3		2	11	43	54
Macedonia	10	1		4		3	86	121	207
Maiden	33	21	2	5	5	1	109	143	252
Mountain Grove	5	1	1	1		2	32	43	75
Mountain View	11	2		5			30	45	75
Mount Ruhama	22	2	2	11	2	2	85	111	196
Mount Zion	15	4		8	18		52	74	126
Newton	44	26		21	1	2	96	137	233
Olivet		9	1	4		1	71	98	169
Penelope	39	18	1	3		2	51	70	121
Piney Grove				5			26	33	59
Providence	2	2		2		3	35	64	99
Reepsville	1						19	22	41
River View	7	16	1	21		1	46	73	119
Salem				6			23	45	68
Sharon		2		1			24	41	65
Startown							4	8	12
Thessalonica				1			4	10	14
Warlick's				4			17	29	46
Webbs Chapel	1	2		2	3		18	23	41
West Hickory	27	12		30	6	1	107	151	258
Totals	347	250	20	227	54	30	1679	2428	4107

NOTE---Total gain 306.

HOME EXPENSES

NAME OF CHURCHES	Pastor's Salaries	Building & Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Totals
Amity				10 00		70		10 70
Bethel	125 00		162 00	10 84		50	30 00	328 34
Brookford	750 00	12 00	39 64	129 99	4 50	1 00	174 80	1113 93
Catawba	200 00		34 00	60 00			52 00	346 00
Centerview	178 20					1 50	98 93	278 63
Corinth	200 00			14 19		1 50		220 69
Denver	100 00					1 00		101 00
Hickory, First	2130 00		874 85	788 43	50 00	15 00	3224 84	6083 12
Highland	508 26	578 26	46 00	81 53		1 40	23 63	1239 08
Kidds Chapel				9 00				9 00
Lawings Chapel	308 88		52 10	25 76		1 60	88 13	476 47
Leonard's Fork	150 00					1 00		151 00
Lincolnton, First	1578 58	9291 46	354 30	113 63	205 00	5 00	303 75	11851 69
Lincolnton, Avenue	351 65		70 80	70 72	12 55	2 00	38 95	546 67
Macedonia	240 00			9 29		90	53 00	303 19
Maiden	1227 72		1200 36	192 27	102 00	3 00	179 35	2904 70
Mountain Grove	200 00	217 00		33 45		5 00	59 00	504 45
Mountain View	268 35			45 00		2 00	100 00	415 35
Mount Ruhama	473 02	30 00	149 31	60 85	35 00	3 00	18 60	769 78
Mount Zion	286 85			20 00		1 50	74 00	382 35
Newton	1225 00	507 00	274 87	161 55	30 00	5 00	221 73	2425 15
Olivet	487 50		300 75	57 20		5 00	6 00	856 45
Penelope	500 00		58 06	67 48		2 00	113 65	741 19
Piney Grove	150 00		32 50	9 65		90		193 05
Providence	150 00			9 16		1 20	54 00	214 36
Reepsville	40 00							40 00
River View	725 00		105 99	76 44	98 75	3 00	102 00	1111 18
Salem	100 00		24 00	15 00	93 00			256 00
Sharon			53 40	6 66				60 06
Startown	75 00							75 00
Thessalonica						30		30
Warlick's	155 00		7 00	59 00	50 00			271 00
Webbs Chapel	125 00			6 22	10 00	1 00	64 55	206 79
West Hickory	1200 00	176 80	105 90	174 94		4 00	244 60	1906 24
Totals	14209 01	10812 52	3945 83	2318 25	690 80	70 00	5425 51	37473 01

NOTE—The hat collection for Minutes, $20.45.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Office	No. of Schools	No. Months Kept Open	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils	Totals	Church Members in S. S.	No. Baptisms in S. S.
Amity	W. F. Miller, Iron Station	1	12	6	71	77	25	5
Bethel	J. C. Lazenby, Lincolnton	1	9	7	44	51	15	
Brookford	Fred Lineberger, Brookford	1	12	9	175	184	53	12
Catawba	Henry Ervin, Catawba	1	12	6	45	61		1
Centerview	W. M. Turbyfill, Maiden, R-1	1	12	6	93	99	50	8
Corinth	R. P. Havner, Henry	1	12	8	93	101		9
Hickory, First	T. P. Pruitt, Hickory	1	12	21	379	400	200	23
Highland	H. A. Ball, Hickory	1	12	10	192	202	70	15
Kidds Chapel	W. A. Poole, Iron Station	1	12	4	30	34	20	
Lawings Chapel	W. H. Caldwell, Lincolnton	1	12	13	87	100	84	11
Lincolnton, First	J. O. Allen, Lincolnton	1	12	14	120	134	50	
Lincolnton, Avenue	L. A. Hallman, Lincolnton	1	12	7	108	115	42	4
Macedonia	J. P. Armstrong, Lincolnton	1	12	8	74	82	29	7
Maiden	Jas. Williams, Maiden	1	12	13	225	238	130	31
Mountain Grove	C. S. Eckerd, Hickory, R-1	1	12	7	70	77	18	4
Mountain View	W. W. Moose, Maiden	1	12	7	70	77	40	11
Mount Ruhama	W. M. Caldwell, Maiden, R-1	1	12	9	121	130	80	18
Mount Zion	H. B. Jones, Alexis	1		7	62	69	30	13
Newton	B. L. Ledwell, Conover	1	12	13	225	238		16
Olivet	O. Brown, Long Island	1	12	10	100	110		
Penelope	M. M. Phillips, Hickory, R-4	1	12	7	217	224	79	39
Piney Grove	E. T. Barker, Claremont	1	12	7	40	47	30	
Providence	Noah Lutz, Henry, R-2	1	12	6	35	45	20	2
River View	A. L. Cline, Southside	1	12	9	75	84	50	5
Salem	John Avery, Lincolnton	1	8	4	26	30	20	
Sharon	L. D. Dellinger, Iron Station	1	9	5	52	57	21	
Warlick's	Perry Berry, Icard	1	9	6	55	61	30	
Webbs Chapel	J. B. Summey, Lincolnton	1	12	5	30	35	15	
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy, Hickory, R-4	1	12	12	212	224	100	20
Totals		29		246	3126	3362	1301	255

NOTE---Of the 34 churches with letters, 5 reported no Sunday School.

NAME OF CHURCHES	When Organized	NAME OF PASTORS	Seating Capacity	Value of Church Property	Sundays of Preaching	Church Clerks and their Address
Amity	1905	P. W. Bangle	300	800	3	E. L. Ballard Iron Station
Bethel	1895	H. B. Chronister	500	500	1	W. C. Mullen Lincolnton
Brookford	1907	W. C. Hart	500	2500	x	Albert Edwards Hickory, R-3
Catawba	1853	J. B. Pruitt	500	3500	1, 3	D. L. Wike Catawba
Centerview	1914	W. B. McClure	500	1500	3	J. F. Hovis Maiden, R-1
Corinth	1855	B. H. Laughridge	500	1000	4	G. W. Hood Reepsville
Denver	1914	L. A. Connell			2	H. N. Abernethy Denver
Hickory, First	1870	W. R. Bradshaw	1000	50000	x	E. L. Fox Hickory
Highland	1912	H. C. Whitener	400	4000	x nights	W. T. Harris Hickory
Kidds Chapel	1872	None	300	1500	4	W. A. Poole Iron Station
Lawings Chapel	1907	S. A. Stroup	400	1000	3	Samuel Bandy Lincolnton, R-4
Leonard's Fork	1882	G. C. Ivery	300	700	4	J. W. Hoover Crouse
Lincolnton, First	1815	J. A. Snow	400	30000	x	J. T. Perkins Lincolnton
Lincolnton, Avenue	1911	J. J. Waldrop	300	1000	2, 4	W. H. Lingerfelt Lincolnton
Macedonia	1869	W. B. McClure	400	1000	1	W. W. Lawing Lincolnton
Maiden	1891	L. R. Williams	400	6000	x	E. D. Williams Maiden
Mountain Grove	1881	A. W. Setzer	400	2000	2, 4	G. F. Huffman Hickory, R-1
Mountain View	1853	S. A. Stroup	350	1000	1, 3	M. A. Gilleland Maiden
Mount Ruhama	1816	S. A. Stroup	400	2500	2, 4	T. H. Caldwell Newton R-2
Mount Zion	1869	B. H. Laughridge	400	1500	1, 3	L. A. McClure Alexis
Newton	1882	No Pastor	800	20000	x	J. W. Hollingsworth Newton
Olivet	1833	L. A. Connell	500	3400	2, 4	J. T. Ervin Catawba, R-2
Penelope	1888	M. I. Harris	300	1500	2, 4	Thos. Hildebrand. Hickory, R-4
Piney Grove	1904	S. A. Stroup	400	1000	2, 4	Lee Setzer Newton, R-2
Providence	1878	C. E. Beaver, dec.	300	700	4	G. P. Young Hickory, R-5
Reepsville	1899	P. W. Bangle	250	1000	2	Thomas Detter Reepsville
River View	1897	W. W. Rimmer	300	1000	2, 4	A. L. Cline Southside
Salem	1847	J. A. Snow	400	800	2, 3	C. F. Clanton Lincolnton
Sharon	1854	H. B. Chronister	500	1000	4	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station
Startown	1896	No Pastor	300	500	3	Miss Grace Wilson Newton
Thessalonica	1830	A. W. Setzer	300	500	2	W. P. Rhoney Newton, R-1
Warlick's	1875	J. H. Boggs	500	1500	1	E. T. Berry Icard
Webbs Chapel	1892	W. W. Rimmer	200	1000	2	F. B. Carpenter Lincolnton
West Hickory	1907	W. L. Barrs	400	3000	x	J. R. Pierce Hickory, R-4

x Preaching every Sunday.

BENEVOLENT OBJECTS

NAME OF CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. School Missions	Missions Undesignated	75 Million Fund	Orphanage	Christian Education	Minister's Relief	
Amity	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00			5 00		2 00	15 0
Bethel					6 00	199 00	10 50			115 5
Brookford					55 48	254 50	25 34	94 00		429 3
Catawba						191 00				191 0
Centerview						193 38				193 3
Denver					15 00					15 0
Hickory, First					624 27	3101 75	438 18	15 00		4179 2
Highland	14 69				3 25	319 90	35 86	2 30		376 0
Kidds Chapel						10 00				10 0
Lawings Chapel					5 22	432 91	60 31			498 4
Leonard's Fork						341 00				341 0
Lincolnton, First	125 00	125 00	125 00	125 00	26 15	300 00	355 87	25 25	100 00	1307 2
Lincolnton, Avenue						171 48				171 4
Macedonia						67 91	8 74		15 00	91 6
Maiden		15 00			45 00	400 00	75 00	15 50	10 00	560 5
Mountain Gtove						328 70				328 7
Mountain View	17 43	10 00	10 00				15 42			52 8
Mount Ruhama					403 25		29 95			433 2
Mount Zion						342 40	64 60			407 0
Newton	36 90				500 00		120 00			656 9
Olivet	2 90	2 00		2 50	5 75	396 44	29 81		2 50	441 9
Penelope							11 92			11 9
Piney Grove					286 28					286 28
Providence						89 00				89 0
Reepsville					5 25					5 25
River View	53 00	50 00	60 64	36 60			160 00	25 00	100 00	485 24
Salem						93				93
Sharon						78 35				78 35
Startown						60 00				60 00
Warlick's						74 00				74 00
Webbs Chapel	15 00	15 00	15 00				11 69		10 00	66 69
West Hickory	8 80	9 60	10 00	33 55	5 15	794 30		3 00		864 40
Totals	275 72	228 65	222 64	199 65	1886 05	8146 95	1458 19	180 05	239 50	12737 40

NOTE —Two churches made no report.

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Moderator ..... Osborne Brown, Long Island, N. C.
Vice-Moderator ..... J. D. Elliott, Hickory, N. C.
Clerk ..... J. F. Click, Hickory, N. C.
Treasurer ..... J. O. Allen, Lincolnton, N. C.
Member State Mission Board ..... J. A. Snow, Lincolnton, N. C.

Executive Committee

(1 Year)	*(2 Years)*	*(3 Years)*
D. C. Williams	J. Y. Killian	S. T. Gaddy
J. D. Elliott	Lee Cline	L. V. Padgett

Ordained Ministers

P. W. Bangle, Lincolnton, R-2
L. A. Bangle, Lincolnton.
J. F. Blackburn, Lincolnton, R-5.
J. H. Boggs, Icard.
W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory.
H. B. Chronister, Maiden.
L. A. Connell, Catawba, R-1.
H. M. Croom, Hickory, R-3
W. M. Francum, Hickory, R-4.
M. I. Harris, Hickory, R-4.
W. C. Hart, Brookford.
Vance Havner, Henry.
I. M. Hildebrand, Hickory, R-4
A. T. Howell, Newton.
Lee J. Jones, Marion.
B. H. Laughridge, Maiden.
W. B. McClure, Alexis.
J. B. Pruitt, Catawba.
A. W. Setzer, Maiden.
J. A. Snow, Lincolnton.
S. A. Stroup, Newton, R-2.
H. C. Whitener, Hickory.
E. S. Whisnant, Lincolnton.
L. R. Williams, Maiden.

Hickory Ptg. Co., Hickory, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Fork Baptist Association met with Lawing's Chapel Church, on Friday, September 30, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The song and praise service was led by H. C. Whitener, pastor of Highland Church. Prayer, A. W. Setzer leading.

THE ANNUAL SERMON

After the song, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," and reading the 53rd chapter of Isaiah and prayer, the annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. Text, "Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away." The subject he discussed was, "The Atonement."

After a song and prayer, J. A. Snow leading, the Moderator, Osborne Brown, called the Association to order. The roll of churches was called. All answered present, except two—Startown and Thessalonica.

The churches and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Amity—R. L. Ballard, Pat. A. Mullen, and Miss Nellie Bolinger.

Bethel—B. F. Wilson, H. C. Harrell, W. C. Mullen, H. B. Chronister, and A. M. Harrell.

Brookford—C. P. Edwards, W. C. Hart and Mrs. W. C. Hart.

Catawba—J. B. Pruitt, D. L. Wike and H. D. Ervin.

Cedar Grove—M. C. Pannel, John Beard, and Clyde Michael.

Centerview—J. S. Goodson, C. L. Harris, and S. P. Beal.

Corinth—R. P. Havner, Donald Whisnant, and C. T. Hoffman.

Denver—B. L. Beal, and Glen Ballard.

Faith—J. R. Helderman, and R. E. Ballard.

Hickory, First—W. R. Bradshaw, W. T. Sledge, J. H. Patrick, J. D. Elliott, Thos. P. Pruitt, and J. F. Click.

Highland—H. C. Whitener, H. M. Croom, and Walter Duncan.

Kidds Chapel—S. A. Whitener, D. A. Pool, and W. F. Keever.

Lawing's Chapel—R. B. Cook, G. S. Whisnant, Samuel Bandy, J. A. Hewitt, and W. M. Lawing.

Leonard's Fork—J. W. Hoover, Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Mrs. Ellen Heavner, Thomas Heavner, and A. W. Setzer.

Lincolnton, First—J. A. Snow, J. O. Allen, and L. Vaughn Padgett.

Lincolnton Avenue—J. L. Gilbert, E. M. Hallman.

Long Shoals—R. B. Gates, B. L. Rodgers, J. C. Carswell, and J. F. Blackburn.

Macedonia—A. W. Potts, Ethel Robinson, and S. L. Bolinger.

Maiden—Walter Laney, Lawrence Caldwell, I. I. Williams, and B. H. Laughridge.

Mountain Grove—Calvin Baker, C. S. Eckerd, and J. B. Rockett.

Mount Ruhama—W. M. Caldwell, T. H. Caldwell, S. M. Abernethy, Rans Campbell, Lee Campbell, and James Drum.

Mountain View—M. O. Gilliland, J. L. Abernethy, and S. A. Stroup.

Mount Zion—L. H. Helderman, and Virtie Helderman.

Newton—L. B. Lawing, W. N. Whisnant, S. T. Gaddy, M. Morrison, J. Y. Killian, and A. T. Howell.

Olivet—J. M. Arndt, J. T. Ervin, L. A. Connell, Everett Arndt, W. W. Ervin, and Osborne Brown.

Penelope—I. M. Hildebrand, and M. I. Harris.

Piney Grove—J. P. Abernethy, and Ed. Caldwell.

Providence—Noah Lutz, R. L. Asherbraner, and T. S. Abee.

Reepsville—John Helms, and P. W. Bangle.

River View—G. S. Caldwell, and Mrs. G. S. Caldwell.

Salem—C. F. Clanton, John R. Avery, and A. G. McGinnis.

Sharon—Eugene Hovis and John Drum.

Startown—Not represented by letter or delegate.

Thessalonica—Not represented by letter or delegate.

Warlick's—By letter only.

Webb's Chapel—W. R. Huffstetler.

West Hickory—N. M. Cordell, J. T. Weaver, and W. G. Hicks.

The Moderator announced that the next business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and called J. B. Pruitt to the chair.

By motion, the Association proceeded in the usual way to the election of officers.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were unanimously elected: Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice-Moderator, J. D. Elliott; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, J. O. Allen.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to arrange a program for this session: S. A. Stroup, H. C. Whitener and J. A. Snow.

The following visitors were recognized and made welcome to seats in the body: G. W. Sebastian, of Stone Mountain Association; W. A. Smith and S. F. Conrad, of Mecklenburg Association; C. A. Caldwell, of Gaston Association; J. W. Suttle, J. H. Quin and S. B. Pruitt, of Kings Mountain Association.

New pastors in the Association were recognized and welcomed as follows: Rev. J. F. Blackburn, and Rev. H. G. Howard.

The committee on program submitted the following report on program and order of business:

Friday Morning

10:00 A. M.—Annual Sermon.
11:30 A. M.—Organization.
11:40 A. M.—Miscellaneous Business.
12:00 M.—Adjourn for Dinner.

Afternoon Session

1:00 P. M.—Biblical Recorder.
1:30 P. M.—Education.
2:00 P. M.—Orphanage.
2:30 P. M.—Sunday Schools.
3:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous Business.

Night Session

7:30 P. M.—Devotional Services.

8:00 P. M.—Verbal Reports from Churches.
8:45 P. M.—Woman's Work.
9:15 P. M.—Temperance.
9:45 P. M.—Obituaries.

Saturday Morning Session

9:30 A. M.—Devotional.
10:00 A. M.—Foreign Missions.
10:30 A. M.—State Missions.
11:00 A. M.—Home Missions.
11:30 A. M.—Miscellaneous.
12:00 A. M.—Adjourn for Dinner.

Afternoon Session

1:00 P. M.—B. Y. P. U.
1:30 P. M.—Ministerial Relief.
2:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous.
2:30 P. M.—Adjournment.

S. A. STROUP,
For Committee.

The report was adopted.

J. H. Quinn addressed the Association in behalf of Boiling Springs School.

By motion, the Association adjourned for dinner, and got a fine, bountiful one, too.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:10, the Association reassembled. After the song, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer, W. A. Smith leading.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Place and Preacher for next annual meeting, namely: B. H. Laughridge, S. A. Whitener and J. W. Arndt.

Delegates from Webb's Chapel, which at the last session, received a letter to join the Gaston Association, were present and asked to remain in this Association. By motion they were welcomed back and enrolled.

H. C. Whitener submitted the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

Mr. J. W. Bailey wrote an article for the Biblical Recorder some time ago in which he stated that the next forward movement for Southern Baptists is to strengthen and make more efficient the Baptist papers of the South. He showed that the Baptist press is behind every great denominational movement which we undertake. The success of the 75 Million Campaign was due more largely, perhaps, to the Baptist papers of the South than to any other single agency. All of our boards and institutions have had a worthy uplift and have been put forward beyond the expectations of any of us, and yet the agency which had more to do with the success of all these departments has received practically no benefit from the campaign. If the Baptist papers were such efficient agencies in this special movement, they certainly are

necessary to the progress of our denomination under all conditions.

In a review of the Southern Baptist Convention which was written by Dr. Mullins for Home and Foreign Fields he says in the discussion on the denominational press: "The occasion was one when the attendance was by no means at high-water mark. There was about a half-filled auditorium. It was large enough for the interests to become contagious, but not too large for the speakers to be heard. The opportunity afforded brought forth a great many valuable suggestions. This meeting was also an interesting instance of how brethren can think themselves together. I look back upon that meeting on the last day of the Convention as one of the best of the entire session, because it dealt with one of the most vital and far-reaching of all matters which could come before the Convention. Some day our brethren are going to take our denominational papers as seriously as they deserve. Every time we can impress upon the consciousness of our Convention the vital relation of the denominational papers to all our work, the speedier will be the coming of that day."

The Biblical Recorder has for eighty- seven years been the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. It has been loyal to all our denominational interests, and has used its influence to the utmost for the promotion of our work all along the line. **No one can be an intelligent Baptist who does not read the Biblical Recorder.** He may be an intelligent man but the Recorder is the only source of information in regard to the great work of our denomination in this State.

The paper, however, is more than a denominational organ. Its pages contain a variety of valuable matter which is intended to uplift and bless the home. Contributions have been secured through the year from some of our strongest men, and the editor has the promise of articles on vital subjects from some of the leading men of the South. We are glad to know the paper is through its printing troubles and will now come regularly week by week to its subscribers. The material on which it is printed is superior to that of most of the Southern Baptist papers, and the mechanical work is unsurpassed. Most of the other Baptist papers charge $2.50 a year, while the Recorder is sent to its subscribers at the old price of $2 a year.

We earnestly urge that all our pastors press the claims of the Recorder upon their people. We would suggest that an active committee be appointed in each church to secure new subscribers and renewals. The B. Y. P. U. has for its object, training for service. If the B. Y. P. U., where one exists, would make an active canvass for the Recorder, it would give fine training to the young people while rendering an important service to the Kingdom.

Respectfully,

H. C. WHITENER.

The report was discussed by H. C. Whitener, and by motion was adopted.

L. A. Connell submitted the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The final result of true education is not a selfish scholar, nor a scornful critic, but an intelligent and faithful citizen who is deter-

mined to put all his powers at the service of his country and mankind. Through all the ages, religion and education have gone hand in hand.

Religion without education is superstition, and education without religion surely is lacking.

We have reasons for being vitally interested in education. Our doctrine demands it. It is devoid of all elements of superstition. The truth as we hold it has nothing to lose, but everything to gain by an intelligent constituency. In contrast with that great ecclesiastical order which has for centuries attempted to hold the masses of the people in ignorance that their superstitions might be played upon, Baptists have ever stood for the education of the masses.

There is a call for men and women of education, such as has never been before. Every line of business is demanding better equipped men and women. While we look to our denominational schools to equip the leaders for our denominational work, it is in the public schools of our State that the mass of our people are educated.

It has been the policy of Baptists to establish and maintain schools to co-operate with, and supplement the work done by our State in educating our people. While we believe in the great task the State has undertaken to educate, and we magnify the work which has been done, and give it our unqualified endorsement, yet we believe there is a place for our denominational schools to supplement the work done by our public schools; a work which cannot be done by the State schools and one which as Christians we dare not leave undone.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. CONNELL.

The report was discussed by J. B. Pruitt and adopted.

S. A. Stroup submitted the following:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Nearly thirty-six years ago this great institution came into existence. Like nearly all other great enterprises, it had a great storm of oppositions.

But God has manifested His presence and power with this institution until today it is the pride of almost every Baptist in the State of North Carolina.

On November 11, 1885, the first child was received. The last one received this year runs the total up to 2,038.

Present now, 531 grouped in 15 families.

About fifty applications were received some months, most of them turned away for lack of room.

The expense bill averages over $200 per day, two barrels of flour a day, three or four bushels of meal, a whole beef when used all around, ten bushels of sweet potatoes when potatoes are used all around, and other things accordingly.

We have about 2,000 Sunday Schools in the State, about one-third of them contribute regularly to the orphanage.

We recommend—First: That every Sunday School be requested to send a monthly contribution.

Second: That one day be set apart at or near Thanksgiving as Orphanage Day, and that every man, woman and child be asked

to contribute the price of one day's labor as a thank offering.

Third: That an effort be made to place Charity and Children in every Baptist home in the bounds of this Association:

S. A. STROUP.

The report was discussed by Dr. M. L. Kestler, of Thomasville, and C. A. Caldwell, of Gaston Association.

The report was adopted.

S. T. Gaddy read the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The report of Secretary E. L. Middleton to the Baptist State Convention last year showed that we had in the State, 2,219 churches with 301,611 members, and 2,129 Sunday Schools with 221,028 members, with approximately 4,000 enrolled in mission schools, making a total Sunday School enrollment of about 225,000. Compare this with the Church membership, and you will note that we have less than 75 per cent. as many people enrolled in Baptist Sunday Schools of the State, as we have enrolled in our Baptist Churches. Considering the number of children of tender years attending the Sunday Schools, who are not Church members, these figures really seem alarming, and leads us to believe that not more than one-third of our Baptist Church members belong to the Baptist Sunday School. For every 100 Church members we have a Sunday School enrollment of 73. We are glad to note that our Association is above the average, having an enrollment of 82 in our Sunday Schools to every 100 Church members. These are alarming facts and should give us much concern.

The writer does not want to, in the least, discount the valuable working that is being done in laying special emphasis on teacher training, Sunday School institutes, conventions and other theoretical means that are being used to try to build up our Sunday Schools, but we all know the great disadvantages of a house being divided against itself. The sore need of the Baptist Churches today is to enlist their members in the Sunday Schools. If they can be enlisted in the Sunday Schools the chances are that they can soon be enlisted in the active work of the church, and then results will follow. In order to enlist a great many of our Church members in the Sunday Schools, we must make it attractive for them. To do this, we must make our Sunday Schools real live, wide-awake organizations. The old theory of electing the most pious old deacon in the Church, one whose face is so long that he never smiles, as superintendent of the Sunday School, is a serious mistake. The most live, wide-awake, hustling Christian in the Church should be the Superintendent of the Sunday School. Things with unusual life in them always attract attention, and often sympathy and co-operation of the people.

In order to make our Sunday Schools attractive we must have adequate equipment, such as class rooms, seats, maps, blackboards, plenty of good song books, musical instruments, organized classes, especially for the young men and women; make our music live and "snappy;" give just as many as possible something to do in the school and then all join together in one great effort to accomplish some definite aim. To provide these attractions may cost a little money, but experience has taught us that the more money we put into a proposition, the more interest we have in it. We fear that

this is the reason that some of our Churches and Sunday Schools actually dry up. We are living in an age when pennies do not go very far in purchasing power.

Probably the greatest agency of the Church in reaching the people is the Sunday School, and no part of our Church-work is treated so lightly by many of our Church members. All that this agency needs to produce results is sympathy and co-operation of the Church members. We never get too old to be eligible to membership in a Baptist Sunday School. Let's try to enlist the members of our Baptist Churches in our Baptist Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. GADDY.

The report was adopted.

J. Y. Killian submitted the following:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of South Fork Baptist Association met at Newton November 6, 1920, and organized by electing J. Y. Killian chairman and S. T. Gaddy secretary.

Applications for help from the State Mission Board were received and the following recommendations were made:

Lincolnton Avenue	$200.00
Reepsville	50.00
Leonard's Fork	100.00
Long Shoals	60.00
Denver	100.00
Amity	60.00
Highland	200.00
Windy City	150.00
Brookford	250.00

We are advised by Secretary Chas. E. Maddrey that the following amounts have been appropriated:

Lincolnton Avenue	$200.00
Leonard's Fork	96.00
Long Shoals	50.00
Denver	60.00
Amity and Reepsville	100.00
Highland and Windy City	372.00
Brookford	180.00

You will note from the above that the State Mission Board is paying back into the Association the amount of $1,058 this year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Y. KILLIAN,

Chairman Executive Committee.

The report was discussed by J. Y. Killian, W. R. Bradshaw and J. A. Snow, and adopted.

By motion, the Ladies' Missionary Union was allowed space for their minutes in the associational minutes.

Vice-Moderator J. D. Elliott was called to the chair, and Moderator Brown read the following:

REPORT OF SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

Statement showing property of South Fork Institute turned over to S. T. Gaddy, Secretary-Treasurer:

Executive Committee of South Fork Association,

December 31, 1920.

One certificate of deposit, People's Bank of Catawba	$ 199.92	
One certificate of deposit, People's Bank of Catawba	433.20	
		$633.12
Seven notes, Maiden Graded School, $200 each	$1,400.00	
Accrued interest on above notes	239.53	
		$1,639.53
Two notes, secured by first mortgage, P. C. Costner (these notes, $1,000 each, due 1920-1921)	$2,000.00	
Accrued interest on above notes, 1 mo., 26 days	28.33	
		$2,028.33
Two notes, Union Cotton Mills, $400 each, due 1921-1922	$ 800.00	
Accrued interest on above notes	67.60	
		867.60
Total value of all assets		$5,168.58

Respectfully submitted for South Fork Institute by

OSBORNE BROWN,
Retiring Secretary-Treasurer.

S. T. Gaddy asked permission to submit his report so that both could be considered together. The request was granted, and he read the following:

SECRETARY-TREASUER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

At the last session of the South Fork Association, the Board of Trustees of the South Fork Association made their final report of the sale of the property and settling up of all debts against them and asked that their board be abolished and the liquid assets of South Fork Institute be turned over to the executive committee. This was done. Shortly after that time, Mr. Osborne Brown turned over to me all notes, mortgages, etc., held by the Board of Trustees for the sale of the property, which were worth $5,168.58, January 1, 1921. With accrued interest, same are now worth $5,371.35.

Below is a list of the several notes with the amounts of each and the accrued interest on same to date.

LIQUID ASSETS SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

Maiden Graded Schools

Seven notes of $200 each	$1,400.00	
Accrued interest on same	300.40	
		$1,700.40

P. C. Costner

Two notes of $1,000 each, secured by first mortgage	$2,000.00	
Accrued interest on same	118.00	
		$2,118.00

Union Cotton Mills

Two notes of $400 each	$ 800.00	
Accrued interest on same	94.27	
		894.27

Claremont Hosiery Mills

One note (good endorsements)_____$ 641.56		
Accrued interest on same_____	17.12	658.68
Total worth Oct. 1, 1921_____		$5,371.35

Respectfully submitted,
S. T. GADDY,
Secretary-Treasurer Executive Committee.

The two reports were adopted.

The Entertaining Committee made announcement of homes for the delegates.

By motion, the Association adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association met before time. After a song or two, Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Charlotte, made a talk on the Recorder, and for renewals and new subscribers.

Rev. J. H. Boggs conducted devotional exercises. He read the 15th chapter of Eclesiastees. Prayer by B. H. Laughridge.

After the song, "How Tedious and Lastles the Hour," the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by L. A. Connell.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

To Nominate a Member on the State Mission Board—A. M. Harrell, H. B. Chronister and J. F. Blackburn.

A Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—S. A. Stroup, W. C. Hart and H. C. Whitener.

Verbal reports of the churches were called for and many of the brethren told what their respective churches had and were doing.

H. B. Chronister submitted following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We are sorry to report that since our last Association we have lost nineteen members: Highland, one; Newton, one; Cedar Grove, one; Mountain Grove, one; Sharon, one; Corinth, one; Lincolnton Avenue, one; Lincolnton, First, one; Amity, one; Hickory, First, three; Olivet, one; Brookford, one; Centerview, one; Warlick's, one; Salem, one, and Maiden, two.

Respectfully,
H. B. CHRONISTER.

The report was adopted.

By motion, Woman's Work was discussed by H. C. Whitener and others, the report to be read tomorrow.

By motion, Temperance was taken up, and was discussed by S. F. Conrad and others, the report on that to be read tomorrow also.

By motion, the Association adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Prayer by J. F. Blackburn.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9:30. The devotional services were conducted by J. F. Blackburn. Prayers by W. R. Bradshaw.

After a song: 'What a Fellowship," the Moderator called the

Association to order and appointed the following committee:

To audit the treasurer's book—A. T. Howell.

DELEGATE TO S. B. CONVENTION

We, your committee to nominate a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, nominate Bro. Osborne Brown.

S. H. STROUP,
H. C. WHITENER,
W. C. HART,
Committee.

The report was adopted, and the nominee declared elected, S. A. Stroup putting the question and declaring the result.

MEMBER OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD

We, the committee to nominate a members of the State Mission Board, nominate J. A. Snow.

Respectfully,
H. B. CHRONISTER,
A. M. HARREL,
J. F. BLACKBURN,
Committee.

Report adopted, and Bro. Snow declared elected.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Mrs. J .Y. Killian, President of the Woman Missionary Union of this Assaciation being present, was called on, and gave a beautiful verbal report of what the ladies of the Association had and were doing.

By motion, a vote of thanks was extended to the ladies by a unanimous rising vote.

A. T. Howell submitted the following:

There was a time when men were disposed to think little of the organized work of women. But that time has passed. The good women have proved beyond question, the value of their work. From the time of their organization to the starting of the 75 million campaign movement, our women put into our treasury about one-third of the total amount raised for all benevolent purposes. Since the 75 million campaign started, our women have been giving more than one-fifth of all our benevolent objects.

But the raising of money is not the only good accomplished. The educational value of their work is beyond estimate. The mission study classes conducted by the women, are doing much to give information and enthusiasm in mission work. The regular, systematic and self-denying giving of the women, ought to be an incentive to the men for nobler work. The women of our association deserve praise for their splendid work this year. The women of this association have 24 societies. Seven of these were organized this year.

All socities reported at the annual meeting at Maiden. The financial aim was reached and more. Three thousand, five hundred and ninety dollars was raised for the different objects this year. There was a gain of 10 per cent in membership. There are twenty-two churches in this organization without missionary organization. The watchword of our women is, "Loyalty—A Steady, Progressive Stride Forward." We would heartily recommend that every pastor preach a sermon to his church on the work of our

women, and endeavor to have a society in every church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. HOWELL.

The report was adopted, it was discussed the night before.

Thos. P. Pruitt submitted the following:

TEMPERANCE REPORT

The prohibition movement during the past year has made marked advances. Out side of the United States, the spread of this great moral movement has been swift and significant. It looks as if in a few years every civilized nation on earth will be enrolled as a Dry Nation.

In our own land although intoxicating liquors have been legally banished, we have the menace of illegal manufacture and sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors. This illegal traffic is oftremendous proportions. Every large city seems to have its Whiskey Ring, with its score and hundreds of agents carrying on the unlawful traffic.

Every county has to a more less extent a liquor element. Men who make it, men, who transport it, men who sell it and men and women who buy and drink it. Each defying the law of the land. Within the bounds of our association we have scores of men who are daily defying the law and handling the prohibited stuffs.

Prohibition must be a matter of education. We must show men that it is wrong, that by putting their efforts on making an honest living, they will preserve their self respect, command the respect of the neighbors and be a credit to the counties in which they live. As a result of this illegal liquor traffic our Criminal Courts are full of cases that are costing the counties thousands of dollars annually.

We Baptist, the most numerous Church throughout the bounds of our association, have a great opportunity if we will only take advantage of it. We have many churches located all through the sections of Lincoln and Catawba where the traffic is going on. If we would resolve as individual churches to break up this eveil and organize to that end and let the community know where we stand on this question, the liquor traffic in these two counties would soon have to go, because no evil could withstand the united attack of the Baptist Membership in these two counties.

Our individual churches might have to do a little self examining, but let it not be said of us that on a question of such vital importance to the moral welfare of our people, we were afraid to take a firm stand, and to that end, I recommend,

That we go upon record as favoring:

1st. The election of only such officers in township, city, county and State who have the courage to declare their convictions and who pledge as public officials to do all in their power to break up the illegal liquor traffic, at all times and in all places.

2nd. That this association pledge to those in authority that we will at all times hold up their hands in their efforts to rid our necessary officers to see that this illegal liquor traffic is broken counties of this evil, and that we favor the appointment of all necessary officers to see that this illegal liquor traffic is broken up.

3rd. That we re-affirm our faith in this one of our cardinal principals, that we condemn the liquor traffic in all places and at

all times, and as a great host of men and women, serving the Lord, we stand ready and willing to help rid our several communities of this awful curse which is damning our boys and girls, men and women.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. P. PRUITT.

Having been discussed the night before, the report was adopted without discussion.

The Treasurer submitted the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the South Fork Baptist Association,
Greeting:

I, J. O. Allen, Treasurer of said Association, beg leave to submit my report of receipts and disbursements for the Associational year ending September 30, 1921.

Receipts

October 27, 1921.

Minute Funds	$ 75.45
State Missions	2.00
Home Missions	2.05
Ministerial Education	2.00
Ministerial Relief	2.00
Sunday School Missions	2.00
Orphanage	8.75
Missions Undesinated	94.00
Total receipts	$188.25

Disbursements

J. F. Click Services as Clerk	$ 25.00
J. F. Click for Minutes	50.45
Walters Durham (undesignated)	94.00
Walters Durham State Missions	2.00
Walters Durham Home Missions	2.05
Walters Durham Foreign Missions	2.00
Walters Durham Ministerial Relief	2.00
Walters Durham S. S. Missions	2.00
F. B. Hamrick, Treasurer Orphanage	8.75
Total Disbursements	$188.25

Respectfully submitted, this September 30, 1921.
J. O. ALLEN, Treasurer.

We ,the committee, appointed to audit the receipts and disbursements of J. O. Allen Treasurer, and having performed said duty, beg to report that we find the foregoing report correct.

A. T. HOWELL,
Committee.

The report as audited was adopted.

On the question of the association's scholarship, J. A. Snow resubmitted the following:

RESOLUTION

Resolved that it is the will of this Association to refer the matter of the Meredith Scholarship to the Executive Committee,
J. A. SNOW.

The resolution was finally adopted. But to make it more satisfactory, A. T. Howell sumbitted the following.

RESOLUTION

Resolve, that after the Executive Committee of this Association shall have investigated the matter of the South Fork Scholarship at Meredith College and find that the money and notes for the establishment of said scholarship cannot be turned into any other channel, that the Executive Committee turn money and notes over to the Trustees of Meredith College for the South Fork Scholarship.

The resolution was adopted.

W. W. Ervin, for his committee ,read the following: We your committee appointed to nominate two members of the Executive Committee for three years, nominate S. T. Gaddy and L. V. Padgett to succeed themselves.

The report was adopted, and the nominees declared elected.

W. R. Bradshaw submitted the following:

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dr. Love, in his report to the Southern Baptist Convention said: "The year has been an eventful one; and, in many things, a truly significant period in the history of Southern Baptist Foreign Missions. Long, cheerished hopes have been fulfilled, achevements have crowned long and faithful effort in some of the older fields, and doors of opportunity have opened to new and inviting fields .

Southern Baptist have begun a new career in missionary service. Last year we sent out 72 missionaries out at one time. But these did not meet the demands. We have 405 missionaries under appointment. But when they go, the demands will not be met. New recruits must be sent each year to man the stations we already have.

Yet our Foreign Mission operations now are worthy of Southern Baptists. We have undertaken on our Foreign field, new and old, to give the Gospel of Jesus to approximately 200,000,000 black people, 4,000,000 brown people, and to a white population of 225,-000,000. Henceforth, we may labor under the inspiration that we are litterally advancing under the Great Commission into all the world, and in quest of every creature.

The largest number of baptisims ever reported was last year. There were 6,998. We now have 611 churches, 187 of which (almost one-third) is self-supporting. The total membership is 59.-438. Their contributions last year amounted to about five dollars per member. Three hundred and forty-seven, a few more than one-half, own their own houses of worship.

We have 907 Sunday Schools, with 41,727 scholars. We have 632 schools with 22,866 students, Of these, 284 are theological students. Now it is the glory of our foreign work that it aims at nothing short of the conquest of the world for Christ. He has said, "Go." Disobedience would be rebellion; and to be indifferent is the very essence of disobedience.

W. R. BRADSHAW.

By motion, the reports on State and on Home Missions were

read so all could be discussed and adopted together. They are as follows:

STATE MISSIONS

One of our hardest problems is to keep the head spring pure. This is true as it pertains to religion, State Missions is the foundation of all our other manifestations known as mission work. We have 301,611 Baptist in North Carolina, (and more by now). In North Carolina we have nearly a million souls of Gospel age not evangelized, and at least one half of said number are inclined toward Baptist principles and doctrine. We owe this great host the gospel and should not be satisfied with our half-hearted efforts toward winning them; but should put every penny subscribed to State Missions into the work. So you see the outlook is great and the obligation appalling. The doors of opportunity swing wide open. Will we enter the open door?

We feel that the time has come for us to give more of our time and money to the rural communities; they are being sadly neglected and discouraged, the country districts must be kept evangelized, if we wish to keep the town churches filled with spiritually minded men and women. Whether you realize it or not we have around 20,000 people within the bounds at the South Fork, of church age, without any church affiliation.

"Every One Win One" is our evangelistic slogan and should be kept before our people until a soul is won by each, and our Saviour honored, when we cease to be evangelistic, we spell our own doom as a denomination.

We wish to recommend the following:

(1). That not one penny subscribed to State Missions be diverted to any other object: 'tis a sacred trust.

(2). That our Executive Committee stand firm on recommendations.

J. A. SNOW.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

One of the most remarkable things in the history of the Baptist churches, has been the maintenance of the independence and liberty of each church, while at the same time, a great spirit of unity and co-operation has been evident. This spirit of unity, upon which the life and work of our denomination depends, is no where more conspicious than it is in the Home Mission Work. In its cooperation with the State Mission agencies, it forms a bond of union between the weak and the strong, between the city and the country, which distributes the burden and makes progress possible, forming a strong base for all denominational activity.

The Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board is doing a great work through evangelistic campaigns in the cities, and the enlistment forces are doing much to conserve the host of country Baptists, and to enlist them in our denominational work.

The report of the Board to the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga in May, revealed the fact that the year had been the most remarkable in its history, both in the amount of funds received and in the results accomplished.

At the annual meeting of the Board in June of last year, the work outlined was 100 per cent greater than that of any previous

year. Cotton at that time was 40 cents, but soon dropped so that during half of the year it was as low as 10 cents per pound. This produced a serious financial strain, and after all possible retrenchments had been made, the Board had to report a debt of $727,622. Consequently for the new year they had to retrench still more and are in need of immediate help in order to maintain their credit and meet current expenses.

The following statistics gathered from the 76th Annual Report of The Home Mission Board, to the Southern Baptist Convention of this year, and information received from the office of the Board in Atlanta, Ga., will give some conception of the work done.

The Evangelistic Department reports the greatest work in the history of the Department, with 41 evangelists in the field, 15,867 baptisms, 22,869 additions to the churches, and 4,087 volunteers for the Ministry and Mission work. Since the department was organized in 1907, there have been 124,103 baptisms, and a total of 169,102 additions to the churches with 17,611 volunteers for the Ministry and Mission work.

The board controls 37 mountain schools, distributed over nine States, with a student body of 6,183, and property valued at $1,688,000.

Among the foreigners, Indians and negroes, there were 2,157 baptisms and 3,208 additions to the churches. In Cuba and Panama there were 178 additions to the churches, the contributions of the native churches amounting to $11,849.

In Co-operative Missions there were 25,532 baptisms and 50,307 additions. Eighty enlistment workers rendered 5,336 weeks of service. In the Sanatorium for Tuberculosis there were 298 patients treated. In the work among the soldiers and seamen there were 3,331 professions of faith. In Church Extension the board aided 824 churches with loans or gifts, but had to refuse requests for help from 1,084 others. Through the publicity department the board distributed 5,641,000 tracts and some thousands of copies of various books.

Surely a work of this magnitude demands the interest, the prayers, and the support of every intelligent Baptist within the bounds of the South Fork Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HART.

The three mission reports were discussed by W. R. Bradshaw, W. A. Smith and W. C. Hart.

By motion, 30 minutes would be given after dinner to discuss missions.

Rev. S. F. Conrad made a brief statement about the Recorder and the books he was selling.

By motion, the Association adjourned for dinner and till 12:45. Prayer by A. T. Howell.

EVENING SESSION

The Association reassembled at 12:45. Devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, S. A. Stroup. After a duet, "Do All to the Glory of God," the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer, M. I. Harris leading.

B. H. Laughridge submitted the following report:

PLACE AND PREACHER

Your Committee on Place for next session and preacher to preach the annual sermon submit the following:

Place—Riverview.
Preacher—H. C. Whitener.
Alternate—L. A. Connell.

B. H. LAUGHRIDGE,
J. N. ARNDT,
S. A. WHITENER,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

The three missionary reports were discussed by J. A. Snow and S. F. Conrad.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to write reports to be read at the next session:

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS

Foreign Missions—J. A. Snow.
Home Missions—W. C. Hart.
State Missions—W. R. Bradshaw.
Woman's Work—A. T. Howell.
Sunday Schools—J. H. Patrick.
Ministers' Relief—S. T. Gaddy.
Biblical Recorder—W. P. McClure.
B. Y. P. U.—L. V. Padgett.
Orphanage—L. A. Connell.
Obituaries—B. H. Laughridge.
Education—H. C. Whitener.
Temperance—J. F. Blackburn.
Executive Committee—The chairman of it,
J. A. Snow read the following:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK

Much progress has been made in B. Y. P. U. work in North Carolina in the past twelve months. Many new organizations have been reported and a spirit of loyalty and consecration has manifested itself in the lives of our young people.

Great progress has been made in the study courses. More than one thousand five hundred of our young people now hold B. Y. P. U. diplomas.

The Tithers League has grown until there are now more than fifteen hundred members. No one can calculate the power of these tithers in our churches. Biblical methods of finance will revolutionize our financial system of church finance.

Now, just a word to our churches: The Church owes it to her young people to help them find their life's work, and the best way to do it is for the church to support the B. Y. P. U. in a financial way. For the greatest asset a Church has is her young people. So let us help them find their calling.

I a msorry to note that our Association minutes carry no report as to number of unions, nor as to their financial report. Hope this will be looked after in the future.

Humbly submitted,

The report was discussed by J. A. Snow, and adopted.

NUMBER OF B. Y. P. U. MEMBERS

The Church letters show that there are only seven B. Y. P. U. organizations in the Association. The total number of members is 276. That they contributed $122.95 during last year—44 cents per member.

W. C. Mullen read the following report:

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

When God brought his people out of bondage in Egypt and gave them possession of the land He had promised their fathers, He selected the Tribe of Levi for the Priesthood and He ordained that all the duties and service pertaining to the public worship for the whole nation should be performed by members of that tribe.

He divided the land among the other eleven tribes, having their several boundaries marked out for them. But to the Tribe of Levi, He gave no land. But instead of land, He directed that a part of all the tithes and gifts for the public worship and certain parts of all sacrificial offering brought by all the people, should be set apart for the support of the Levites.

Paul says in I Cor. 9; 14, Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel, shall live of the gospel." Mathew 10:10, the Lord says: "For the workman is worthy of his meat." In Luke 10:7, He says: "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

Now, it is very plain from these and many other Scriptures that the Lord has made it, not only a privilege, but an obligation and a duty resting on Christian people to look after the welfare and comfort of the aged and infirm ministers of the gospel, after he has worn himself out laboring for the welfare and spiritual uplift of the people.

Many corporations, which proverbially are said to have no soul, retire their faithful employees at a certain age on nice pensions. Are Christian people, who claim to be the salt of the earth, going to do less for their faithful servants? Shame on them if they do.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MULLEN.

The report was discussed by W. C. Mullen and adopted.

By motion, the constitution was changed so that the Association will meet on Thursday instead of on Friday.

By motion, the rules of order was changed by following Kerfoot's instead of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

J. D. Elliott had the following read:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Whereas, we, the visiting delegates attending this session of the South Fork Association, have received the loyal hospitality of Bro. Stroup and his faithful members, now therefore,

Be it resolved, That we extend to our host, both pastor and people, our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown us.

Resolved further, that we express our appreciation to the good women who prepared such a magnificent feast for us and served it as only real Southern women can.

J. D. ELLIOTT.

There being no further business, by motion the Association adjourned to meet in its next annual session with Riverview on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1922, at 10 a. m.

OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator.
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

THE W. M. U. MEETING

The second annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of South Fork Association was held with Maiden Baptist Church, Wednesday, September 14, 1921, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Associational Superintendent, Mrs. J. Y. Killian. Mrs. J. A. Snow conducted the devotional service, Mrs. A. T. Howell leading in prayer.

Mrs. D. Ward Milam sang a beautiful solo, after which the address of welcome was given by Miss Della Abernethy, of Maiden Church. Mrs. W. G. Hicks, of West Hickory, responded.

The roll of societies was called, and found that every one was represented as follows:

Hickory, First—Mesdames J. W. Whisnant, A. J. Essex, J. H. Elliott, K. C. Menzies, Roy Long, F. A. Henderson, W. R. Bradshaw, and Miss Rose Martin.

Lincolnton, First—Mesdames J. A. Snow, Robt. Caldwell, D. Ward Milam, J. L. Putnam, T. V. Lineberger, and Misses Jennie Whisnant, Ruby Padgett, Mary Yoder, Ida Deigh, Sarah Yoder, Nellie Honicutt, Helen Setzer, and Virna L. Lineberger.

Lawing's Chapel—Mesdames W. M. Lawing, J. A. Hewitt, Jane Taylor, Emma Taylor and Miss Eva Hewitt.

Mt. Ruhama—Mesdames T. H. Caldwell, S. A. Stroup and Miss Jennie Abernethy.

Penelope—Mesdames M. I. Harris, O. Joe Howard and Miss Ruth Harris.

Riverview—Mesdames Buna Cauble, J. F. Blackburn and R. A. Coffey.

Olivet—Mrs. Osborne Brown.

Brookford—Mrs. W. C. Hart.

Newton—Mesdames A. T. Howell, Harriet Witherspoon, W. A. Hoss, S. T. Gaddy, Frank Drumright, J. F. Hawkins, J. Y. Killian, W. N. Whisnant, L. B. Lawing and Miss Lela Allgood.

Highland—Mesdames H. C. Whitener, W. T. Harris and Ida Frye.

Maiden—Mesdames J. A. Hoyle, J. J. Setzer, John Bumgarner, Laura Lawing, Denny Williams and Miss Della Abernethy.

West Hickory—Mesdames G . W. Hicks, W. G. Abernethy, J. H. Justice and Lillian Abernethy.

Interesting reports of the work done were read. They showed that we had reached our financial aim, that of $3,090, had been reached and more.

Before making her annual address, the Superintendent gave her statistical report which showed seven new societies organized, many visited, and a large number of letters and postals written. The subject of her timely address was "Loyalty."

"Prayer as a Fundamntal Point in the Missionary Society" was discussed by Mrs. A. T. Howell. Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Corresponding Secretary of the State W. M. U., made a telling address on "Tithing, Soul-Winning and Mission Study." Our "System of Reports" was discussed by Mrs. A. J. Essex.

The following committees were appointed on Time and Place, Plans of Work, Nominations and Resolutions.

The Union adjourned at 12:30 p. m. for dinner which the ladies of the Maiden Church served so nicely and bountifully. At 2:00 p. m. the Union reassembled, Mrs. W. M. Lawing conducting the devotional service, and Miss Ruby Padgett singing a beautiful solo.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Mrs. O. Joe Howard gave an interesting talk on Foreign Missions, "Our New Territory, Our Old Fields."

The junior hour was led by Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw, who emphasized systemating mission training. Mrs. J. A. Snow spoke on the importance of "Mission Study for Children."

The Sunbeam Band of Hickory First Church delighted the audience by rendering an interesting program. In the absence of their leader and trainer, Mrs. Earl N. Carr, Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw had charge of them.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. W. H. Reddish for her presence and helpful talks, and to Mrs. E. N. Carr for her instructive Sunbeam program.

Mrs. D. Ward Milam made a splendid address in behalf of Louisville Training School, and it was decided that each society send a box of canned goods to the Training School about October 15th, Hickory, Newton and Maiden to be the shipping points.

Mrs. W. C. Hart ably presented the Orphanage and Hospitals as products of Christianity. "What the Missionary Society Should Mean to the Church" was the theme of a helpful talk by Mrs. H. C. Whitener. "The Importance of Personal Work" was discussed by Mrs. J. L. Putnam.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. The following reports were read and adopted:

Time and Place—We, the Committee on Time and Place, recommend that the time be left with the Superintendent and Executive Committee, and the place be the First Lincolnton Church.

MRS. J. A. SNOW,
MRS. H. C. WHITENER,
MRS. G. W. HICKS,
Committee.

Nominations—We, the Nominating Committee, heartily endorse the work of our officers for the past year, and hence, nominate them to succeed themselves, namely: Superintendent, Mrs. J. Y. Killian; Secretary, Mrs. Garland Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. Osborne Brown.

MRS. J. L. PUTNAM,
MRS. K. C. MENZIES,
MRS. W. C. HART.
Committee.

Plans of Work—The Committee on Plans of Work recommend: First, that the watchword be "Loyalty;" second, that we strive for at least a 10 per cent. in our contributions during the coming year; third, that each society send to the Treasurer for Associational expenses an amount of 10 cents per member; fourth, that each society organize and foster one new society during the year; fifth, that we do not neglect our systematic giving and special seasons of prayer, and the importance of mission study classes; sixth,

that each society strive to do greater personal service; seventh, that we cultivate a more spiritual atmosphere in our meetings; eighth, that every society co-operate with our beloved Superintendent in her effort to reach all the points in the standard of excellence, and willingly and cheerfully aid her in making the South Fork Association the banner association.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. A. J. ESSEX,
MRS. T. V. LINEBERGER,
MRS. W. M. LAWING,
Committee.

The meeting, after song and prayer, adjourned to meet again at 7:30 p. m.

The Union met according to adjournment in evening session. Sermon, "Woman's Part in Missions," was preached by Rev. A. T. Howell. Rev. Roy Williams read for the committee the following report:

We, the Committee on Resolutions, in behalf of the Union, wish to thank: First, the people of Maiden Church for their gracious and abundant hospitality; second, we appreciate the sincere words of welcome from Miss Abernethy; third, we wish to express our thanks to Rev. L. R. Williams for his valuable help; and fourth, we wish to express our appreciation to Rev. A. T. Howell for his beautiful and helpful sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. I. HARRIS,
MRS. S. T. GADDY,
MRS. W. T. HARRIS.

After song and benediction, the Convention adjourned to meet in next session with Lincolnton First Church.

MRS. J. Y. KILLIAN,
Superintendent.

MRS. GARLAND WILSON,
Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members, two from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. Six members shall be elected at this session, two from each section of the Association to serve one year, two from each section for two years, two from each section for three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of each session a Committee of three who shall nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at 10 a. m. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be: Meet at 9:00 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

NAME OF CHURCHES	Gain			Loss			Males	Females	Total Membership
	Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	Letters	Exclusion	Death			
Amity	2			3		1	32	30	62
Bethel	6	11		3			43	52	95
Brookford	9	13	3	8	1	3	38	82	120
Catawba				4			40	47	87
Cedar Grove	2	6	1	11	1	2	26	36	62
Centerview		2		2		1	37	34	71
Corinth	7	4		3		1	45	83	128
Denver	2			1	1		10	14	24
Faith							21	15	36
Hickory, First	35	39		16		3	226	324	550
Highland	35	18		21	15	1	55	106	161
Kidds Chapel	5			5	2	2	14	24	38
Lawings Chapel	4			7			64	89	153
Leonard's Fork	6	2		3			37	53	90
Lincolnton, First	14	19		12		1	95	210	305
Lincolnton, Avenue	4	4		5		1	40	64	104
Long Shoals	8	6		2			12	23	35
Macedonia	20	3		4			90	133	223
Maiden	11	11		13	2	2	103	148	251
Mountain Grove	7	2		5		1	35	43	78
Mount Ruhama	1	4	2	3	5	1	85	109	194
Mountain View	4			4			30	45	75
Mount Zion	1	1	1	13		2	50	75	125
Newton		16		13	1	1	96	139	235
Olivet	16	3		4		1	75	107	182
Penelope	13	10		2			60	84	144
Piney Grove	1			2	1		24	33	57
Providence		2		2	1		44	68	112
Reepsville	3						20	25	45
River View	9	13		7			44	71	115
Salem			1	6		1	23	41	64
Sharon	10	2		1		1	24	50	74
Warlick's	11	4		6		1	25	35	60
Webb's Chapel	12	3		3			19	33	52
West Hickory	2	14		35			100	132	232
Totals	260	212	8	229	30	27	1582	2657	4239

NOTE—Two churches didn't report.

HOME EXPENSES

NAME OF CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	TOTALS
Amity	75 00	7 25		8 00		1 00		91 25
Bethel	200 00		29 00	17 83		2 50		249 33
Brookford	751 20		66 35	68 53	35 00	2 00	59 67	982 67
Catawba	200 00		26 81	13 50				240 31
Cedar Grove	55 00			12 00		75		67 75
Centerview	90 00		102 01	50 54		80		243 35
Corinth	200 00					1 00		201 00
Denver	100 00					1 00		101 00
Faith	50 00		17 00					67 00
Hickory, First	2600 00	43 56	592 10	501 14	60 00	20 00	2403 98	6228 78
Highland	1200 42	1411 34	235 34	170 38	66 23	5 00	236 08	3324 80
Kidd'sChapel	75 00	24 00	11 00	8 00	12 00	1 45		131 45
Lawings Chapel	206 85		6 40	25 46	30 30	3 80	19 15	291 96
Leonard's Fork	150 00					1 00		151 00
Lincolnton, First	1731 00	5396 67	361 08	159 42	146 32	5 00		7799 49
Lincolnton, Avenue	26 38	325 57	61 84	70 60	37 20	3 50		525 09
Long Shoals	400 00	5 00		63 00		1 00		469 00
Macedonia	165 00			14 67		40	47 01	227 08
Maiden	692 00	65 00	46 00	252 00	19 00	3 00	115 00	1192 00
Mountain Grove	300 00		22 88	76 32		4 10	114 91	518 21
Mount Ruhama	230 00		60 00	17 55		3 50		311 05
Mountain View	160 00	30 00		26 00		1 00	30 00	247 00
Mount Zion	150 00		130 00	17 22		1 00		298 22
Newton	1250 00	332 00	233 96	183 62	66 00	7 00	605 50	2678 08
Olivet	650 00	10 00	11 00	103 00		5 00	183 00	962 00
Penelope	418 84		82 00	77 03	200 00	1 50	58 50	837 87
Piney Grove	150 00		2 00	12 00				164 00
Providence	125 00	180 00		12 00		1 20	40 20	358 40
Reepsville	40 00	40 00				50		80 50
River View	700 70	307 28		87 45	22 15	3 00	13 36	1133 94
Salem	100 00		50 00	15 00				165 00
Sharon			45 25	10 62				55 87
Warlick's	150 00		1 00	20 00	14 70	1 00	51 30	238 00
Webb's Chapel	75 00	20 00		21 73		50		117 23
West Hickory	1420 00	201 39	91 87	252 21	57 57	4 00	120 46	2147 50
Totals	14887 39	8399 06	2284 89	2366 82	766 47	86 50	4098 13	32889 26

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

NAME OF CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Office	No. of Schools	No. Months Kept Open	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils	Totals	Church Members in S. S.	No. Baptisms in S. S
Amity	S. L. Bolinger, Lincolnton	1	9	6	57	56	15	2
Bethel	B. F. Wilson, Lincolnton	1	12	7	79	86	27	4
Brookford	C. A. Newton, Brookford	1	12	13	180	193	65	6
Catawba	D. L. Wike, Catawba, R-1	1	12	6	59	65	25	
Cedar Grove	John Beard, Newton	1	9	7	80	87	20	2
Centerview	W. M Turbyfill, Maiden	1	12	10	68	78	60	
Corinth	R. P. Havner, Henry	1	12	5	114	120		2
Hickory, First	T. P. Pruitt, Hickory	1	12	25	422	447		34
Highland	W. T. Harris, Hickory	1	12	10	264	274	104	27
Kidds Chapel	Jas. Bynum, Iron Station	1	12	5	32	37	20	5
Lawings Chapel	R. B. Cook, Lincolnton, R-4	1	12	13	97	110	85	4
Lincolnton, First	J. O. Allen, Lincolnton	1	12	15	175	190	75	
Lincolnton, Avenue	L. A. Hallman, Lincolnton	1	12	7	138	145	40	
Long Shoals	Not reported	1	12			93		
Macedonia	J. A. Williams, Lincolnton	1	12	8	90	98	40	9
Maiden	Jas. Williams, Maiden	1	12	11	250	261	150	9
Mountain Grove	C. S. Eckard, Hickory, R-1	1	12	7	65	72	24	3
Mount Ruhama	T. H. Caldwell, Newton, R-2	1	12	10	142	152	100	
Mountain View	W. W. Moose, Maiden	1	12	7	80	87	40	4
Mount Zion	W. H. Ballard, Alexis	1	12	7	88	95		1
Newton	B. L. Ledwell, Conover	2	12	20	275	295		
Olivet	O. Brown, Long Island	1	12	13	169	182		15
Penelope	Monroe Phillips, Hickory, R-4	1	12	8	125	133		
Piney Grove	E. T. Barker, Claremont	1	12	7	30	37	25	1
Providence	Noah Lutz, Henry, R-2	1	12	5	35	40	20	
River View	A. L. Cline, Southside	1	12	11	85	96	40	6
Salem	C. F. Clanton, Lincolnton	1	8	5	40	45	15	
Sharon	L. D. Dellinger, Iron Station	1	9	4	57	61	24	8
Warlick's	Perry Berry, Icard	1	11	6	62	68	46	4
Webb's Chapel	Raymond Wallas, Lincolnton	2	12	11	119	130	30	8
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy, West Hickory	1	12	11	306	317	103	2
Totals		33		280	3783	4063	1193	156

NOTE—No report from Denver, Faith, Leonard's Fork and Reepsville.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, ETC.

NAME OF CHURCHES	When Organized	NAME OF PASTORS	Seating Capacity	Value of Church Property	Sundays of Preaching	Names and Address of Church Clerks
Amity	1905	J. A. Snow	300	800	2	E. L. Ballard Iron Station
Bethel	1895	H. B. Chronister	500	500	1, 3	W. C. Mullen Lincolnton
Brookford	1907	W. C. Hart	500	2500	‡	Albert Edwards Hickory, R-1
Catawba	1853	J. B. Pruitt	500	5000	1, 3	C. W. Ervin Catawba
Cedar Grove	1902	L. R. Williams	300	1800	3	T. G. Bost Newton
Centerview	1914	W. B. McClure	500	1500	3	J. F. Hovis Lincolnton
Corinth	1855	H. B. Chronister	500	800	4	G. W. Hood Reepsville
Denver	1914	L. A. Connell			2	H. N. Abernethy Denver
Faith	1906	L. A. Bangle	300	1200	4	B. E. Ballard Iron Station
Hickory, First	1870	W. R. Bradshaw	1000	50000	‡	Edgar L. Fox Hickory
Highland	1912	H. C. Whitener	400	5000	‡	Walter Duncan Hickory, R-3
Kidds Chapel	1872	S. A. Stroup	300	1500	1	W. A. Poole Iron Station
Lawings Chapel	1907	None	400	1000	3	Samuel Bandy Lincolnton, R-4
Leonard's Fork	1882	A. W. Setzer	300	700	4	J. W. Hoover Crouse
Lincolnton, First	1815	J. A. Snow	400	50000	‡	J. T. Perkins Lincolnton
Lincolnton, Avenue	1911	B. H. Laughridge	300	1500	2, 4	D. H. Sronce Lincolnton
Long Shoals	1901	J. F. Blackburn			3	R. B. Gates Lincolnton, R-6
Macedonia	1869	W. B. McClure	400	1000	1	W. W. Lawing Lincolnton
Maiden	1891	L. R. Williams	400	6000	‡	E. D. Williams Maiden
Mountain Grove	1881	Lee J. Jones	400	2000	2, 4	G. F. Huffman Hickory, R-1
Mount Ruhama	1816	S. A. Stroup	400	2500	2, 4	T. H. Caldwell Newton, R-2
Mountain View	1853	S. A. Stroup	350	1000	1, 3	M. O. Gilleland Maiden
Mount Zion	1869	H. B. Laughridge	400	1800	1, 3	M. J. Hager Alexis
Newton	1882	A. T. Howell	800	20000	‡	Miss Addie Moose Newton
Olivet	1833	L. A. Connell	500	4000	2, 4	J. T. Ervin Catawba
Penelope	1888	M. I. Harris	300	1500	‡	Thos. Hildebrand Hickory, R-4
Piney Grove	1904	S. A. Stroup	400	1000	2, 4	Lee Setzer Newton, R-2
Providence	1878	J. H. Boggs	300	600	4	J. P. Young Henry, R-2
Reepsville	1899	W. P. Bangle	250	1000	2	Thomas Detter Cherryville
River View	1897	J. F. Blackburn	300	2000	2, 4	A. L. Cline Southside
Salem	1847	L. A. Bangle	400	1000	3	C. F. Clanton Lincolnton
Sharon	1854	W. B. McClure	500	600	1	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station
Warlick's	1875	J. H. Boggs	500	1500	1	E. F. Berry Icard
Webb's Chapel	1892	J. F. Blackburn	200	1000	1	F. B. Carpenter Lincolnton
West Hickory	1907	No Pastor	400	4000	‡	J. R. Pierce West Hickory

‡ Preaching every Sunday.

BENEVOLENT OBJECTS

NAME OF CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Missions Undesignated	75 Million Fund	Orphanage	Christian Education	Minister's Relief	TOTALS
Amity					10 25				10 25
Brookford		9 20	31 65	7 75	15 45	25 90	5 00		94 95
Cedar Grove					46 50				46 50
Centerview					62 75	31 50			94 25
Denver	10 00	5 00	5 00						20 00
Faith		3 50	4 00						7 50
Hickory, First					5856 30				5856 30
Highland	19 05				305 75	85 97			410 77
Kidds Chapel	2 00	2 00	2 00			3 00			9 00
Lawings Chapel					64 48	26 77			91 25
Leonard's Fork					188 00				188 00
Lincolnton, First	250 00	250 00	250 00			254 07		150 00	1154 07
Lincolnton, Avenue					304 42	15 00			319 42
Long Shoals	10 00	16 00	10 00						36 00
Macedonia					16 25	2 83			19 08
Maiden	50 00		52 00	15 00	125 00				242 00
Mountain Grove					156 97				156 97
Mount Ruhama		5 00	10 00	15 25		63 20			93 45
Mount Zion				13 57	125 00				138 57
Newton					316 69	167 06			483 75
Olivet	18 91			5 00	128 05	63 66			215 62
Penelope					71 70	22 73			94 43
Piney Grove					38 98	13 00			51 98
Providence					48 00				48 00
River View					65 65	130 50			196 15
Salem	4 00	4 00				2 00			10 00
Sharon					19 00	2 00			21 00
Warlick's					42 25				42 25
Webb's Chapel					12 00				12 00
West Hickory	5 35	9 40	8 40		483 00	32 90	8 40		547 45
Totals	369 31	304 10	373 05	56 57	8502 44	942 09	13 00	150 00	10710 96

NOTE—No report from Bethel, Corinth, Mountain View and Reepsville.

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Moderator----------J. A. Snow, Lincolnton, N. C.
Vice-Moderator----------J. D. Elliott, Hickory, N. C.
Clerk----------J. F. Click, Hickory, N. C.
Treasurer----------J. Y. Killian, Newton, N. C.
Member State Mission Board----------J. A. Snow, Lincolnton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1 Year)	(2 Years)	(3 Years)
J. Y. Killian	S. T. Gaddy	J. D. Elliott
Lee Cline	L. V. Padgett	Dr. H. N. Abernethy

ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. A. Abernethy, Maiden.
P. W. Bangle, Lincolnton, R. 2.
J. F. Blackburn, Lincolnton, R. 5
J. H. Boggs, Brookford.
W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory
H. B. Chronister, Maiden
H. M. Croom, Hickory, R. 3.
R. L. Davis, Statesville.
H. R. Freeman, Hickory, R. 4.
M. I. Harris, Hickory, R. 4.
Vance Havener, Henry.
I. M. Hildebrand, Hickory, R. 4.
A. T. Howell, Newton.
Lee J. Jones, Marion.
B. H. Laughridge, Maiden.
W. B. McLure, Alexis.
J. B. Pruitt, Hickory.
A. W. Setzer, Maiden.
J. A. Snow, Lincolnton.
S. A. Stroup, Maiden, R. 2.
C. L. Taylor, Stanley.
E. S. Whisnant, Lincolnton.
H. C. Whitener, Hickory, R. 3.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Fork Baptist Association met with River View Church on Thursday, September 28, 1922, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The song and praise service was conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. F. Blackburn.

After prayer, led by Rev. J. M. Ballard, the annual sermon was preached by Rev. H. C. Whitener, on the subject, "Decipleship." Text: "No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God," Luke 9:62. He discussed decipleship in connection with the "75 million campaign."

After prayer, led by Rev. J. A. McMillan and song, "Onward Christian Soldier," the Moderator, Osborne Brown, calls the Association to order, and appoints the committee on program—J. A. Snow, A. W. Setzer, J. F. Blackburn.

The roll of churches were called. All answered present, except one—Faith. The churches and delegates, including four new churches that joined later and their delegates, were enrolled as follows:

Amity—B. M. Bolinger, P. A. Mullen and W. F. Miller.

Antioch—Carl Devine, G. A Bolick

Bethel—H. B. Chronister, H. C. Harrell, R. A. Long, W .C Mullen.

Brookford—J. D. Edwards, J. H. Boggs, C. P. Edwards, Thos. Adams.

Catawba—John Danner, E. B. Ervin.

Cedar Grove—A. P. Michael, John Beard, M. C. Ponnell.

Centerview—J. S. Abernethy, M. H. Laney, M. C. Laney, Johnnie Laney.

Corinth—R. P. Heavner, G. M. Whitworth, Raymon Abernethy.

Denver—By letter only.

Goodsonville—C. A. Harrell, W. H. Lingerfelt, J. L. Senter.

Hickory First—W. R. Bradshaw, J H Patrick, J. D. Elliott, J. F. Click.

Highland—H. C. Whitener.

Kidds Chapel—S. A. Whitener, James Bynum, Mrs. J. T. Whitener.

Lawing's Chapel—Lewis Keenor, W. M. Lawing, Mrs. W. M. Lawing, G. S. Whisnant, Samuel Bandy, Aaron Beal.

Leonard's Fork—J. W. Hoover, T. J. Hoover, Hubert Cornwell.

Lincolnton First—W. N. Williams, J. A. Snow, J. T. Perkins, Mrs. E. D. Johnson, Mrs. J. T. McLean.

Lincolnton Avenue—Marion Chapman, John Gilbert, E. M. Hallman, W. W. Caldwell.

Long Shoals—R. B. Gates, Roy Parker, Thomas Rash.

Macedonia—W. A. Potts, N. P. Williams, J. B. Erwins.

Maiden—Charles Laney, Mrs. Deller Abernether, W. A. Williams, Mrs. J. J. Williams.

Mountain Grove—J. B. Rockett, Mrs. J. B. Rockett, Calvin Baker, Lee J. Jones.

Mount Ruhama—Fred Caldwell, Lee Campbell, W. M. Caldwell, Ivey Laney.

Mountain View—M. O. Gilleland, W. W. Moose, G. W. Caldwell.

Mount Zoin—W. B. McLure, W. H. Ballard, Bartlette Hager, Allie Mae Ballard.

Newton—J. Y. Killian, S. T. Gaddy.

North Newton—W. N. Whisnant, Latta Whisnant.

Olivet—W. W. Ervin, J. T. Ervin, Osborne Brown.

Penelope—M. I. Haris, G. M. Herman, Mrs. L. R. Fry, Mrs. J. M. Lingerfelt.

Piney Grove—J. P. Abernethy, J C. Setzer, Lee Setzer.

Providence—T. S. Abee, G. P. Young.

Reepsville—By letter only.

River View—S. T. Reep, G. W. Punch, P. C. Whitesides, L. P. Ellis, Mrs. Laura Coffey.

Roseland—C. D. Weaver, Mrs. E. L. Beal.

Salem—William Lewis, Clifford Smith, Kenneth McGinnis.

Sharon—Guy Hovis, John Drum, Catherine Hallman.

Warlicks—R. S. Icard, P. S. Berry.

Webb's Chapel—F. B. Carpenter, Edward Reep, W. R. Huffstetler.

West Hickory—B. K. Dellinger, W. G. Abernethy, L. C. Pierce, J. Lee Brown, Mrs. M. A. Burch.

The Moderator announced that the business now before the Association was the election of officers, and called J. D. Elliott to the chair.

By motion, the Association proceeded to elect officers, the first being that of Moderator. Former Moderator Osborn Brown stated that he could not serve as Moderator any longer.

J. A. Snow and J. Yates Killian were placed in nomination for Moderator, the vote was taken by ballot. J. A. Snow receiving a majority of the votes, was declared elected, and by vote, his election was made unanimous.

Having been elected Moderator, Vice Moderator Elliott called J. A. Snow to the chair, and the Association proceeded to elect the other officers as follows: For Vice-Moderator, J. D. Elliott; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, J. Y. Killian.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to examine the application of new churches wishing to join the Asosciation: A. W. Setzer, J. Y. Killian and J. F. Blackburn.

The following visitors were recognized and made welcome to seats in the body: J. A. McMillan, Student Secretary of Wake Forest College; J. M. Balard, W. W. Rimmer and C. L. Taylor of Gaston Association; and Lee J. Jones of Green River Association.

The committee appointed to prepare a program for this session, submitted the following:

PROGRAM FOR THIS SESSION.

Thursday Morning.

10:00 A. M.—Annual Sermon.

10:30 A. M.—Organization.

11:40 A. M.—Miscellaneous Business.

12:00 M.—Adjourn for Dinner.

Afternoon Session.

1:00 P. M.—Biblical Recorder.

1:30 P. M.—Christian Education.

2:00 P. M.—Orphanage.
2:30 P. M.—Woman's Work.
3:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous Business.

Night Session.

7:30 P. M.—Devotional Service.
8:00 P. M.—B. Y. P. U.
8:30 P. M.—Sunday Schools.
9:00 P. M.—Temperance.
9:30 P. M.—Obituaries.

Friday Morning Session.

9:30 A. M.—Devotional.
10:00 A. M.—Foreign Mission.
10:30 A. M.—State Mission.
11:00 A. M.—Home Mission.
11:30 A. M.—Miscellaneous Business.
12:00 M.—Adjourn for Dinner.

Afternoon Session.

1:00 P. M.—Outlook in the South Fork Association.
2:00 P. M.—Ministerial Relief.
2:30 P. M.—Miscellaneous Business.
3:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

A. W. SETZER,
J. Y. KILLIAN,
J. F. BLACKBURN,
Committee.

The report on program was adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by Rev. W. W. Rimmer. The dinner spread was fine and large.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled according to adjournment. After a song, the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Osborne Brown.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: To nominate two members of the Executive Committee—J. T. Ervin, M. I. Harris and Vaughn Padgett.

To nominate associational member of the State Mission Board—S. T. Gaddy, W. R. Bradshaw and S. A. Stroup.

To nominate delegates to the Southern and State Baptist Conventions—B. H. Lugridge, H. B. Chronister and A. M. Harrell.

On Place and Preacher for next session—A. L. Ervin, J. D. Elliott and J. F. Blackburn.

By motion, the report on the Biblical Recorder was deferred until tomorrow morning.

By request, Osborne Brown read the following:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

North Carolina Baptists own and maintain three colleges—Wake Forest for men, and Meredith and Chowan for women the former at Wake Forest, and the latter at Raleigh and Murfrees-

boro, respectively. These three institutions enrolled last year 1,002 students. They own in plant, equipment and endowment, $1,-888,603.21.

We also own and operate five academies: Boiling Springs, Buie's Creek, Dell, Liberty-Piedmont and Wingate. These enrolled last year 1,523, and own property amounting to $316,000.00.

The Home Mission Board controlls and supports in North Carolina, nine mountain schools, which enrolled last year, 1,900 pupils, and own property valued at $554,000.00.

North Carolina joins with other southern States in supporting the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for preachers, which enrolled 339 ministerial students, and a woman's training school attached which has an enrollment of 166, at Louisville, Ky., and owns property valued at $2,150,000.00; the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas, with an enrollment of 691 men and women together, and property valued at $1,454,700.00; also a Bible Institute in New Orleans, La., enrolling 329 students with property worth $300,000.00. We also have at Oxford College privately owned at Oxford, N. C., and Mountain Park High School.

Since the laws compel every body to be educated, if we fail to educate our ministers, church officials and Sunday school superintendents, educated people will refuse to accept these as their leaders, our pastors and leaders must keep ahead if they are to lead.

Let us remember that these schools are OURS, and are run in a large way by us, and that if we fail to support them, we, as a denomination will suffer.

Respectfully,

H. C. WHITENER.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by J. A. McMillan, A. W. Setzer, and H. R. Freeman, and the report was adopted.

A. W. Setzer submitted the following:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this mody that no person should be engaged to teach in our Baptist schools who questions the integrity of the genesis account of creation, or the Virgin Birth of Christ.

OUR NEW CHURCHES.

We, your committee appointed to examine into the orthodoxy of newly constituted churches seeking membership in this body, beg to report that we have examined the articles of faith and church covenants, together with the minutes of organizing Presbyteries of the following churches, viz: Antioch, North Newton, Goodsonville and Roseland, and recommend their admission into the fellowship of this body.

A. W. SETZER,
J. Y. KILLIAN,
J. F. BLACKBURN,
Committee.

The report was adopted and the delegates given the hand of fellowship.

The auditing committee submitted the following which was adopted:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To the South Fork Baptist Asosciation,

Greeting:

I, J. O. Allen, Treasurer of said Asociation, beg leave to submit my Report of Receipts and Disbursements, for the Associational Year, ending September 28, 1922.

Receipts.

September 30, 1921.	
Minute Funds	$ 71.50
State Missions	14.00
Home Missions	12.50
Foreign Missions	9.00
Orphanage	4.83
Ministerial Relief	26.00
Total Receipts	$173.83

Disbursements.

October 9, 1921.	
J. F. Click, Services as Clerk	$ 25.00
J. F. Click, For Minutes	46.50
December 26, 1921.	
Walters Durham, State Missions	14.00
Walters Durham, Home Missions	12.50
Walters Durham, Foreign Missions	9.00
Walters Durham, Ministerial Relief	26.00
F. B. Hamrick, Treas. Orphanage	4.83
Total Disbursements	$173.83

Respectfully submitted, this September 28, 1922.

J. O. ALLEN, Treasurer.

We, the Committee appointed to audit the receipts and disbursements of J. O. Allen, Treasurer, and having completed said work beg to say that we find them as set out in the foregoing report.

S. T. GADDY,
A. W. SETZER,
Committee.

J. Y. Killian submitted the following report:

WORK OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Quietly, faithfully. intelligently the Woman's Missionary Union of this association moves along its chosen and well defined path of service. Beginning thirty-five years ago in the modest role of an Auxiliary to the Convention and true to form from that day to this, this organization of the women has passed from the day of small things to the place of tremendous service and power in the work in the Kingdom of of God. The smile of the Father still abides on the work of our women in the South Fork Association. Our women have just closed their last year's work and held their annuel meeting at Lincolnton, September 22, 1922.

It was their best year and the star of hope never shone

brighter upon the work of our women. There are in the South Fork Association 35 churches and 31 missionary societies. There are 14 churches without missionary organization and there are 21 churches without any Woman's Missionary Society. There are 2,657 women in our churches. There are 764 enlisted in the organized work of missions. Less than 1-3 of our women are enlisted in the work of missions. The amount allotted to the women of the South Fork Association for five years under the auspices of the 75 Million Campaign was $15,451.90. Each year these women have gone beyond their quota nearly $400.00. This last year they raised $3,891.03, which was $403.25 beyond their quota. The women have divided the association into districts or divisions for the purpose of doing more intensive work in enlisting the unenlisted women. Mrs. A. J. Essex has been made leader of the Hickory division; Mrs. J. L. Putnam, the Lincolton district; Mrs. S. T. Gaddy, the Newton district; Miss Della Abernethy, the Maiden district. Mrs. J. Y. Killian of Newton is the indomitable, cultured and hard working superintendent. She has written 207 letters or postals, traveled 228 miles, made 14 visits to societies and organized six new societies. Mrs. E. N. Carr is the Associational secretary. Mrs. O. J. Howard is Associational Treasurer. Fifteen study classes have been conducted in the past year. Ninety-six Biblical Recorders have been taken, seventy Home and Foreign Field and fifty-eight Royal Service.

It should be remembered at all times that the Woman's Missionary Society is not primarily a money raising organization. It is, nevertheless one of our best sources of supplies when it comes to financing equipping or furnishing our missionary institutions and supporting our missionaries. No one is able to tell what the sacrificial giving of our noble women has meant to the interest of the Kingdom represented in the work of the Baptists in times of peril and great need. They have given money, property, jewels, life and prayer to the work for which Christ died to acocmplish. Figures cannot compute the value our women have been in disseminating missionary knowlege and sustained missionary effort which expresses itself in the training of the young and in increased giving. The success of the 75 Million Campaign is due largely to the faithful effort of our women. We recommend that this association renew to our women the assurance of our gratitude for their faithful work and our prayers for the continuance of the Master's favor upon them. We recommend also that the pastors and the churches in every possible way encourage the women in their labors for the spread of the Gospel and establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. A. T. HOWELL.

The report was dicussed by J. H. Boggs and J. Y. Killian. The report was adopted.

Osborn Brown made motion that we express our appreciation of the work done by the sisters by a standing vote. The motion carried unanimously.

A. W. Setzer submitted the following:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the report on Education at the last session of the Association was amended by striking out the expression contained in same to wit: Religion without education is superstition, and

Whereas, said report appeared in the minutes in the original

form, Resolved, that this body reaffirm said amendment and the same be recorded in the minutes. The resolution carried.

J. Y. Killian submitted the following reports, which were adopted:

EXECUTIVE COMMITEE REPORT.

Annual Meeting.

The executive committee of South Fork Baptist Association met at Newton on November 1st. The following members were present: J. D. Elliott. L. V. Padgett, A. L. Cline and S. T. Gaddy. Rev. J. A. Snow acted as proxy for D. C. Williams, who could not attend the meeting. Bro. J. Y. Killian was also unable to be present at the beginning of the meeting.

Bro. J. D. Elliotb called the meeting to order and Rev. J. A. Snow led in prayer. The committee was organized for the year by electing J. Y. Killian, chairman; J. D. Elliott, vice-chairman, and S. T. Gaddy, secretary-treasurer.

Applications were received from the following churches and recommendations made for help from the State Mission Board for the year 1922, as follows:

Highland	$372.00
Brookford	240.00
Goodsonville	200.00
Faith	75.00
Long Shoals	100.00
Reepsville	60.00
Penelope	120.00
Leonard's Fork	100.00
	$1,267.00

It was ordered that the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary constitute a committee to meet with a like committee from the Gaston County Association to make division of the South Fork Institute funds. Meeting to be held at Lincolnton at time to be agreed on between the two committees.

It was agreed to establish a scholarship at Meredith College for the year 1922-23 from the interest of the South Fork Institute funds, committee to meet at later date and award the scholarship.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The executive commitete met in special meeting at Newton on August 14th at call of the chairman to meet the committee from Gaston County Baptist Association to make division of the funds of South Fork Institute and transact any other business that might require our attention. All members of the committee were either present or representd.

Formal application for the Meredith scholarship for the coming year was made by Miss Alma Lineberger of the First Church of Lincolnton. Investigation proved her worthy of the scholarship and she was unanimously awarded the scholarship. As we did not establish the scholarship last year having the money available to award another scholarship for this year, this was awarded to Miss Mary Blont Martin of the First Church of Hickory, who has

attended Meredith one year, in the event she does not secure a schoraship from another source, which was then pending.

The committee from the Gaston County Baptist Association, consisting of M. A. Stroup and E. B. Denny, having come in, the joint committee proceeded to organize by electing J. Y. Killian as chairman of the joint committee.

Report of S. T. Gaddy, secretary-treasurer of the South Fork executive committee showed that he had cash in bank of $1,514.13. demand note of $641.56, Maiden Graded School notes of $1,400.00 and notes of P. C. Costner for $2,000.00, making the total amount of funds of South Fork Institute $5,555.69. On motion of E. B. Denny of the Gaston County committee, it was ordered that we make an equal division of the cash on hand and that the notes and securities be placed in the hands of S. T. Gaddy as trustee for both associations with instructions to collect the interest and notes as they become due and make equal division of the collections between the two associations. S. T. Gaddy delivered to M. A. Stroup, chairman of the Gaston County Committee check for $1,077.84 as one-half of the cash now on hand.

Report of S. T. Gaddy as secretary-treasurer, and trustee for the two associations will show the financial report.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN,
Chairman Ex. Com.

Sec.-Treas. Executive Commitete Report.

Assets reported last association (without interest)	$4,841.56
Interest collected from P. C. Costner	120.00
Interest collected from Union Cotton Mills	96.13
Interest collected from Union Cotton Mills	48.00
Interest collected from Maiden Graded Schools	400.00
Interest collected from Claremont Hosiery Mills	50.00
Total assets August 14th, 1922	$5,555.69
Check given Matthew A. Stroup for Gaston County Assn	1,077.84
	$4.477.85
Cash funds belonging to South Fork Association	$1,077.85
Notes and mortgages belong to both Associations	3,400.00
Total funds in hand	$4,477.85

Cash funds belonging to South Fork Asociation invested as follows:

Demand note Claremont Hosiery Mills	$641.56
Demand note Fidelity Hosiery Mills	436.29
Total	$1,077.85

Respectfully submitted,
S. T. GADDY,
Secy.-Treas.-Trustee.

J. Y. Killian submitted the following:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that the South Fork Association hold the South Fork Institute Funds and place the same in the custody of the

Executive Committee of this Association to lend out on interest, using the interest accruing therfrom to support a scholarship at Meredith College.

The resolution was adopted.

The Commitee on hospitality read their assignment of homes for the delegates and visitors for the night.

By motion, the Association adjourned until 7:30 P. M. Prayer, M. I. Harris leading.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met according to adjurnment. Opening song, "On Jordan Stormy Banks I Stand." The devotional exercises were conducted by J. A. McMillan. He read and talked on this text: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." After song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the Moderator calls the Association to order.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and made welcome to seats in the Association: Rev. W. R. Beach, representative of the Biblical Recorder; and Rev. D. P. Bridges, of Newland, N. C.

L. V. Padgett submitted and read the following:

B. Y. P. U. REPORT.

In this report, let me call your attention to four distinct things that a church, through its B. Y. P. U. should positively begin in the lives of its new members, be they in years young or old, on the DAY AFTER THEIR BAPTISM. You will please have in mind for their consideration either the boy and girl from twelve to sixteen, the proper constituency of the Junior B. Y. P. U., or the young man and young woman from sixteen to thirty, the constituency of the Senior B. Y. P. U. For these different departments of the B. Y. B. U., we have different organizations and different literature, each aiming at the proper spiritual need of these distinct ages.

First. Social Life. More and more it is apparent that our churches must offer to their young people the social intercourse that their divinely appointed natures imperatively demand. There are but two bidders today for the social life of our young people —the World and the Church. The highest bidder gets the young life. Never before were the amusements offered by the world so alluring and so subtle, so suggestive and so deplorably injurious to the spiritual life and development of our young people as today. In direct proportion is there great appalling need for the churches to afford our young people wholesome, uplifting and properly directed social life. We shall either use them or loose them. Which shall it be? No organization of the church is so ideal, as is the B. Y. P. U. for meeting this paramount need. Let both the church and the young church member realize on the day after his Baptism that his social life should be different.

Second. Bible Study. Through neglect of the young church members there has developed among us the most appalling disregard of God's Holy Word. Family altars are no longer found. There is therefore no example before our young people of daily Bible reading. "Thy Word," it would seem, is no longer needed as "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Through the diligent activities of the B. Y. P. U., however, there is in the

Southern Baptist Convention an army of more than two hundred systematic daily Bible reader's course.
and fifty thousand young church members who are following a

This according to one of the latest utterances of Dr. Frost, is "the largest band of daily Bible readers that the world has ever known." This course of reading any young Christian, if properly approached on the day after his baptism, will eagerly begin.

Third. Indoctrination. Never as now in the history of our denomination has there been such imperative need, even demand, for positive and emphatic indoctrination of our people. Never before have the battlements of denominational loyalty been so violently bombarded. Baptist, above all others, because of unwavering loyalty to Bible prinicples as abiding verities, are repeatedly and consistently accused of narrowness. This, to young people, is unpleasant and encourages leniency which finally results in the overthrow of all denominational conscience, and subsequently vascillating church members. To young people as well as older, the appeals for "Broadness" to be broader than the circumscribed thinking of any one particular sect," are subtle and attractive. If our people are not fortified with positive convictions, based upon Scriptures well known to the individual, we will see these appeals gain ground and an inevitable crumbling of our Baptist integrity and denominational structure. Denominational loyalty based on sentiment will not hold in time of testing. We must assure our people that perchance they are narrow as they are accused of being—yes, just as narrow but just as broad as the New Testament—no more, no less. If we are narrow, it is the teaching of the Bible and we are not responsible for it. We must be, if necessarily narrow, "like the Niagara River, mightiest at our narrowest point." It is in the B. Y. P. U. that annual study courses are conducted by the Church for this purpose. There is the pastor's supreme opportunity and best conceivable method of indoctrinating his young people. On the day after his Baptism every church member has a genuine desire, porbably unexpressed, to know these distinct beliefs and principles.

Fourth. Scriptural Giving. We come now to a more obvious and decidedly more disturbing denominational delinquency. When and how are we ever to get relief from our deplorable denominational deficits, which annually humiliate us to the point of distraction. How shall we ever remove our boards; these burdens to our elemosynary enterprises and to our boards; these burdens to our secretaries; the disgrace to our denomination. When shall we cease to see the necessity for calling from doubtful distances especially gifted men to work on the emotion of our people and extract from them, if perchance it is not a rainy Sunday, a decent contribution for our worthy causes? When and from whence will come this relief? It will come only when our churches begin with their youngest members, on the day after their Baptism, and teach them that it is their opportunity, their privilege and their duty to give systematically and proportionately of their income to the Lord's cause. So teach them that to give is a Christian grace and that liberality developes spirituality. By so doing they will learn to love to give as they shall learn to love to worship, to pray and to labor for their Master. Therefore the

stressing of the above four things in all Baptist Churches will solve all our denominational problems.

Humbly submitted,

L. VAUGHN PADGETT.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by L. V. Padgett, J. H. Boggs, C. L. Devine, Edgar Ervin and S. H. Stroup.

The report was adopted.

A. W. Setzer moves that a committee be appointed to arrange for the organization of an Associational B. Y. P. U.

The motion carried, and the Committee appointed were: L. V. Padgett, Lincolnton; M. I. Harris, Route 4, Hickory; and J. B. Morris, Newton.

By request, the Clerk read the following report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday Schools, for religious instructions, were held in connection with the Jewish Synagogues, and among the early Christians. Luther started them in Germany, and Knox in Scotland. But our modern Sunday school was started by Robert Raikes of Glouchester, England, in 1780. He gathered the children from the streets and hired teachers to teach them before and after preaching services. They taught them their letters, how to spell and read, and then the catechism. The first regular Sunday School in America was started by Bishop Asbury in Hanover County, Virginia, in 1786. Though there had been schools for Sabbath instruction at Roxbury and Plymouth, Massachusetts, as early as 1674 and 1680. From these, all Christian denominations in America, caught the inspiration and organized Sunday Schools, even to the Roman Catholics.

It is truly said that the Sunday School is the nursery of the church, the church at work, and the church of the future. The spirituality, power and influence of the future church for good in the community and in the world, will depend largely on the Sunday Schools of our day. This being true, what are we doing as an association to help make the Sunday Schools and churches what they should be? Let us see.

This Association has 37 churches and 37 Sunday Schools. Last year the churches reported 4,239 members, and the Sunday Schools reported only 4,063 members, 176 less members than the churches reported. This doesn't show good. One reason is, in this Association three-fourth of the church members don't attend Sunday School. When the Sunday School meets, where are the 3,046 church members that don't attend Sunday School? They are not all sick or old and decreped men and women. Are they out joy riding? The churches reported only 260 additions by conversation and baptism, and 156 of these were members of the Sunday School. Some of the 3,046 aforesaid church members might have been among the saved, if they had belonged to the Sunday School—saved from the error of their way, at least.

Hence, as an Association, we can not brag on our Sunday Schools. Not even as to numbers, much less as to the sacred and devotional order and spirit of them. And it is not God's fault, nor primarily the fault of the children. It is the fault of the parents, and of the officers and teachers of the school. In the first place, the parents—especially the professed inteliigent and

Christian parents—should go with, and see that their children behave and respect their teachers. The officers and leaders of the school, should avoid all appearances of modern and human ways of making the Sunday School a show, a place of amusement, trying to interest the school alone by all kinds of artificial pep and wisdom. That is sin it is egotism gone to seed. Above all, it keeps Christ and the Holy Spirit out of the school.

The great need of Sunday Schools, is qualified teachers; teachers who believe and practice every day what they teach on Sunday. to live a godly life is the best way to light up a lesson that a teacher can employ. Teachers should have: First, devotion to Christ; second, love for souls; third, earnest work; fourth, consecration; fifth, importunate prayer; sixth, fitness; seventh, the Holy Spirit's influences. The Sunday School should begin in prayer, continue in prayer and end in prayer. The school should teach Christ first, last and all the time—Christ all and in all. Then God will smile upon and bless it. Such a school will attract the young and old. For Christ not only loves children, but says to us, and to the Sunday School: "If I be lifted up"—in your life, in your Sunday School—"I will draw all men unto me." So, let us lift Christ up in our Sunday School, and he will draw the crowds, and should get all the glory.

Respectfully, J. H. PATRICK.

The report was discussed by the Clerk and A. M. Harrell, and adopted.

The following was read by J. F. Blackburn:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We have much to be thankful for and much to rejoice over because our State and Nation have outlawed the liquor traffic. Much good has been done towards accomplishing Prohibition and temperance; but we realize that we must work to put to flight and banish the moonshiner, blind tiger and bootlegger. In order to accomplish this, the cloesest organization and co-operation between the citizens and officers are necessary. By such organization, we as citizens may give full support to enforce the law and build up a reverence and respect for the law that will not tolerate its violation.

Notwithstanding the wonderful achievements in the cause of temperance, never possibly in all the history of the world has intemperance so asserted her powers and multiplied her forces as now.

Therefore, Resolve, That the South Fork Association now in session, call upon every church, and upon every member of every church, and upon every liberty loving citizen to rise up for the enforcement of the law that every violator shall be brought to justice, and that we pledge our loyal support to the officers in the discharge of their solemn and sworn duties in the execution of the law to the end that peace and safety may be restored to our homes and to our country.

J. F. BLACKBURN, Committee.

The report was discussd by D. P. Bridges and adopted.
B. H. Laughridge submitted

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

It is not a mark of God's displeasure to call his children from us into eternal happiness, for precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. And since our last session of this Association, God has seen fit in His allwise Providence to call to himself many of His children:

Cedar Grove, 1; Centerview, 2; Hickory First, 2; Highland, 1; Leonard's Fork, 1; Lincolnton First, 1; Lincolnton Avenue, 3; Maiden, 1; Mountain Grove, 2; Mount Ruhama, 3; Mount Zion, 2; Penelope, 1; Piney Grove, 1; Providence, 2; River View, 1; Webb's Chapel, 1; West Hickory, 1.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. LAUGHRIDGE.

The report was adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet next day—Friday morning at 9 o'clock, prayer by W. R. Beach.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 o'clock a. m. The devotional services were conducted by D. P. Bridges.

After a song, "Stand Up For Jesus," prayer by A. W. Setzer and song, "Amazing Grace," he read and commented on the 1st chapter of Colossians.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and made welcome to seats in the body: F. B. Hamrick, of the Thomasville Orphanage, and C. E. Madrey, Secretary of the State Mission Board.

W. B. McClure submitted the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder is the organ of the Baptist State Convention. It has for 88 years been engaged in a glorious work; that of carrying into the homes of every nook and corner of the State—where it has had the privilege to go—the glorious news of the spreal of the gospel, being loyal to the teachings of the Bible at all times.

The Recorder is owned and controlled by Baptists. It is the paper that every Baptist should read and be proud of. For through its columns, the brethren give their views on the various problems confronting the denomination; and of various passages of Scripture which are always helpful.

The pages of news-notes, and letters reporting the work from all the churches is a very interesting feature of the paper. Then the pages of current events; and the Editor's comments on the questions and subjects of the times, are always timely.

A few reasons why every Baptist home should take and read the Recorder:

First. It is a religious newspaper; it deals with such news as pertain to the Kingdom of God. Such news that no Baptist can afford to be without; it aims to be true to its name and thoroughly Biblical in its teaching.

Second. It is sound in doctrine. Its mission is loyalty to Baptist principles, and stimulating Baptist progress, and infusing Baptist life and vigor.

Third. It is our bureau of information; it represents exclusively and impartially the Baptist people in every section and community in the State. It is the only paper that represents all Baptists of the State as a whole.

The Recorder has a great field and a tremendous task to perform among and with our people. It recognizes the mutual needs of our people and seeks to meet those needs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. McCLURE.

The report was discussed by W. B. McClure and W. R. Beach and adopted.

Vice-Moderator J. D. Elliott was called to the chair, and the Moderator, J. A. Snow, submitted the following report:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission endeavor has been extended into sixteen countries of the world. In these sixteen whitened harvest fields we find twenty-five persons to every one in the Southern States.

Our Foreign Mission Board has occupied vast territory in China. In the six provinces of China in which we labor, there are more people than there are in the entire United States, and yet there are twelve other provinces in China in which we have no work. Out of the 462 missionaries supported by the Foreign Board in all lands, 253 are in China.

Our other Far-East field is Japan, with a population almost twice as large as that of our Southern States. The Board has 28 missionaries in Japan. Our work prospers in the sun-rise Kingdom.

The closest Foreign Mission field to us is Mexico. It has proven a fruitful field. In spite of the unsettled conditions and our reduced Foreign Mission force, we had 465 baptisms in Mexico last year.

Our Foreign Mission work extends into four countries in South America—Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile. We have 98 missionaries in Brazil, and the work in that country has grown rapidly. The Argentine Baptists gave last year more per capita than the Baptist in any of our other fields, even more than to the per capita gift of the Baptist in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. Argentina Baptists gave last year $23.80 per member, and Southern Baptists gave $10.52 per member for all objects.

Interest deepens in our European work. The old work in Italy has experienced a prosperous year. The acquisition of the fine property in Rome for a church, missionaries' residences and publication headquarters have greatly increased the efficiency of the work in that city.

During the past year, Dr. Gill, has done a wonderful work in Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Roumania and Hungary. He has found many Baptist brethren and has helped to organize the work. The work in Russia is doing as well as could be expected under the conditions in said country. Rev. H. E. Porter is our missionary in that great country of Baptist opportunity.

The work in Syria and Palestine transferred to our Board from the Baptist of Illinois, has passed through a fairly good year. The two native missionaries have been faithful. The Board at is meeting in May, 1922, appointed two young men, who

with their wives will soon go to Palestine for the purpose of laying the foundation of a wide work in the Holy Land.

Such is a very brief review of the work of Southern Baptists in foreign fields. A glance at some statistics may help. We now have 622 churches in our foreign fields with a membership of 64,251. Of these churches, one-third or 206 are self-supporting, and 375, or more than half, own their houses of worship. They gave on an average of $7.24 per member last year.

The crowning glory of all the work done last year was the 7,891 baptisms. This was almost one thousand more baptisms than we have ever recorded in any year in our Foreign mission history.

The decrease in gifts to Foreign Missions is the discouraging feature confronting Southern Baptists today. What shall we do about it? Shall we rally our forces and collect our pledges? Yes, should arise from the lips of every loyal Baptist in the land.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNOW.

W. R. Bradshaw read the following report:

STATE MISSIONS.

Missions is the magna Charta of Christianity and the marching orders of Christ's Church. "The field is the World." North Carolina is a part of the world, "Ye, shall witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea." North Carolina is our Judaea. Ever since the organization of the Baptist State Convention a systematic effort has been made to give the gospel to destitute sections of our own state. During all these years the blessing of the Master has increasingly attended our effort, so that today we are supporting two hundred Missionaries. Under Secretary Maddry our State Mission work has divided into departments.

First. Evangelism. Brother Stephens is the Chairman of this department. This is our first work and without doubt our most important. Growth is necessary to our well being; hence, Christ gave evangelism the chief place in the great Commission. The evangelists go among churches strong and weak in our State to win the lost.

Second. Enlistment. The Enlistment Department has for its aim the building up in Christian Service the saved. Brother H. C. Hamby is Chairman of this department.

The Sunday School work under Secretary Middleton and B. Y. P. U. work under Perry Morgan, are departments of our State Mission work and under the control of the State Mission Board, but there are separate reports on these important branches of our work to be submitted.

There are many reasons why we should whole-heartedly press the cause of State Missions:

First, Patriotism: Every citizen is under obligation to do all he can for the better ment of his own State.

Second, Destitution: There are sections where the people are destitute of gospel privileges as we hold them.

Third, The Unsaved: There are about one million unsaved people in the State. Surely this is a strong reason for State Missions.

Fourth: The strongest reason is that Jesus wants us to bring

every section of North Carolina into active co-operation with Him in World Redemption.

The State Board authorized our Secretary, at its meeting September 19, 1922, to put on a Campaign to re-enforce the 75 Million Campaign, to get those who did not pledge and all new members, to make a pledge.

Our task now is to conserve the results of our great Campaign and to do it in such a way that when the five years shall expire we shall be in position to launch even larger things for our Master.

H. R. Freeman submitted the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work is one of the most, if not the most important departments of the Baptist work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The several branches of Home Mission work makes it so.

1st. The work among the foreigners who come to us from abroad is immensely important as they bring every kind of thought to us but the right kind, both religious and political. The home missionaries meet them with our thought on these subjects. The flood-tide of immigration for the past fifty years has set up idols in our country and all kinds of false worship, with socialism, bolshevism, anarchism and all kinds of unfaithfulness to God and our country. This shows how important home mission work is. The Home Mission Board, through its workers, is trying to correct all this. Headed that way it has done much to soften that spirit and hold place for the Christian religion and democratic or republican government. This shows its importance. It also does much work among our own country folks in holding them to the Christ-plan and doctrine, and intensifying the Christian religion. It provides means also for building churches where there are none and helps to build better ones where the present ones ar inadequate by a loan fund. It also is strong to take care the educational interests of the denomination. Also its evangelistic benefits are empowering to the denomination. Its aid to the Sunday School work is not yet seen as it will be in the future. Through its workers many Sunday schools are strengthened and many new ones organized. By this, the future results are anticipated. The work of the past has shown the great need of the work yet to be accomplished. Last year, according to reports from the Home Mission Board, this data appears. In this report the greatest year in soul-winning and in inlistment work has been accomplished. Through its exerted energies and skill, it is nearer self-supporting than ever before. There were last year in this work, 1,188 workers who supplied 3,131 churches, delivered 165,445 sermons and addresses. Made 236,992 religious viists, baptised 36.164 converts, received 83,994 additions to churches, organized 308 churches, built or improved 456 houses of worship, organized 786 Sunday Schools, and did much visiting mong the sick and distributed millions of religious tracts and thousands of copies of the Scriptures. We see by this what great things are being done through the Home Mission Board. of the Southern Baptist Convention There is still much to be done because of large territories within the Southern Baptist Convention bounds that have not yet been touched. Large communities without Baptist Churches or Sunday

Schools. The Home Board has for the two past years been in debt. This has handicapped the work. We have had to step back a little on this account. Since this is true, let every one pay his peldge to the 75 million campaign fund, and under God, move the great work along.

Respectfully submitted,
H. R. FREEMAN, Committee.

The three reports on Missions were discussed by C. E. Maddry, Secretary of the State Mission Board; and by joint motion, the three reports were adopted.

H. C. Whitener made an announcement in reference to the 75 Million Campaign.

DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS.

The special committees appointed to nominate three delegates to the Baptist State convention, and the other to nominate one to the Southern Baptist Convention, made the following nominations:

To the State Convention—M. I. Harris, A. W. Setzer and J. A. Snow.

To the Southern Baptist Convention—W. R. Bradshaw.

By a motion, the above were elected delegates from this Association.

J. A. Snow was elected South Fork Association's member of the State Mission Board.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to write and read reports for next session.

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS.

State Missions—J. D. Elliott.
Home Missions—H. C. Whitener.
Foreign Missions—W. R. Bradshaw.
Woman's Work—A. W. Setzer.
Sunday Schools—Mrs. J. Y. Killian.
Ministerial Relief—H. N. Abernethy.
Biblical Recorder—A. T. Harvell.
B. Y. P. U.—M. I. Harris.
Orphanage—J. F. Blackburn.
Education—H. R. Freeman.
Temperance—C. A. Abernethy.
Executive Com.—By its Chairman.
Obituaries—W. B. McClure.
Digest of Letters—S. D. Gaddy.
By motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled. After the song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and the reading of the 8th chapter of 1st John by H. B. Chronister, the Moderator called the Association to order.

A. W. Setzer submitted the following:

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

With each passing year we feel more keenly our obligation to

the children who cry to us for help and friendship. And as this obligation is more clearly seen and felt we are gradually providing more and better room.

The Thomasville Orphanage has in its care the largest group of children of any other organized body in the State. Counting the 133 children aided in their own homes we are caring for 675 boys and girls that are growing into promising manhood and womanhood. More than 2,100 have received this most helpful service and it is ever the aim of our management to make them happier, healthier and wiser and purer in spirit. It is a training institution that builds character, dignifies labor and trains for life.

Our health record has been so good that we scarcely think of the sickness side of it at all. One of our fine boys, Thurman McDaniel, was killed in February almost instantly by being thrown from a mule.

Our dairy herd at Thomasville and at the Kennedy Home are gradually being improved. Several cows have given as much as ten gallons of milk per day and every child has an average of over a quart of milk per day. Our supply of home bacon is the best in our history, saving us the necessity of buying any during the year. The farm and dairy at the Kennedy Home made a small profit. The printing department made a profit of $4,632.99, all of which went into the general treasury to help support the children.

One of our greatest fields of enlargement is Mother's Aid. We are now helping 133 children with their mothers at about one-third of the cost of keeping them in the Orphanage. This work is appealing more and more to the popular mind as it not only keeps the child with its own mother but is much more economical.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees they threw out a challenge to individuals and asociations for three more dormitories so that we may take more children that are clamoring for admittance. There were 611 applications turned away last year on account of lack of room. To give relief to this great throng of children we must largely increase our Current Fund. What comes into the treasury is barely enough to take care of the Orphanage.

Your committee would again recommend:

(1) A monthly contribution from every Sunday School in this Association.

(2) The plan of setting apart one day for the Orphanage at or near Thanksgiving by every man. woman and child in this Association.

(3) A club of Charity & Children in the well organized Sunday Schools with an individual copy to as many others as possible.

Respectfully submitted.

A. W. SETZER. Committee.

The report was discussed by F. B. Hamrick, of the Orphanage, and adopted.

The part of the program, "The Outlook of South Fork Association," was not taken up and discussed.

J. D. Elliott read the following:

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Although our Baptist State Convention was organized almost one hundred years ago, there was no provision made for taking care of our aged and needy ministers until 33 years ago. By instructions of the convention of 1889 the Board of Ministerial

Relief was organized at Wilmington on February 1st, 1890. Dr. T. H. Pritchard was the first president of the board and P. D. Mangum, correpsponding secretary. At the end of 1890 the headquarters of the board was moved from Wilmington to Durham and Rev. C. J. Woodson was elected corresponding secretary and he served four years. He was succeeded by Rev. J. F. McDuffie, who served for 16 years. The position is now held by Rev. J. M. Arnette, Wagram, N. C., who has served 13 years.

In 1909 the Baptists of North Carolina contributed for this cause $5,163.55 and in 1919 they contributed $11,564.29, or an increase of more than 100 per cent in ten years, which shows that we began to realize our responsibilities for the aged and infirm Baptist ministers of the State who had given a life of service for the cause of the Master and the building up of the denomination. In 1918 there were 37 beneficiaries, in 1919 there were 42 and in 1921 there were 61 beneficiaries. Thus we see that the number of beneficiaries is increasing very fast and yet there are others who deserve help who are not receiving anything from us at all. All of the beneficiaries of the board are either aged and infirm ministers or their widows. None of them are pensioners after having rendered a certain number of years of service as employes of some of the large corporations, railroads or federal government. Neither have they asked to be retired, or superanuated, with pay. It is characteristic of a Baptist preacher to "stay in the harness" just as long as he is able to go, some of them when they are not able to go. The command has been given to go preach the gospel to the uttermost ends of the earth, to take neither scrip nor purse, "for the workman is worthy of his meat." Matt. 10-10.) Many of our noble men have heard the call and followed the command. They have given a life of noble service, receiving very little compensation for their work, so little that they could not provide for their families and lay up something to take care of them in old age. They may be poor, but they are not paupers nor beggars. It is not only a duty and responsibility resting on us to provide for the needs of our aged and infirm ministers, but we should be proud of the opportunity of thus expressing our appreciation for these old soldirs of the cross by providing for the necessary means for their support.

Our denominational leaders acted wisely in making provision for the aged and infirm ministers in the Seventy-five Million Campaign fund. A certain percentage of all we give to the seventy-five million goes to this cause. At the same time we have the privilege of making designated contributions for this cause and we ought to be glad of the opportunity of following the custom established several years ago of making a special Christmas offering for Ministerial Relief, thus proving to the "old soldirs of the cross" that we possess some of the Christ spirit as we celebrate His birth.

The responsibility is on us. Shall we as Christian people do less for our old heroes and life-long servants than is being done by railroads, corporations and our government as a reward for faithful service? We can hardly think so if the matter is properly presented to our people. If we do, it will be deplorable. Our carelessness of the past is a dark spot on the record of Baptist progress in this State. May we be more dutiful in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. GADDY.

The report was discussed by C. E. Madry and adopted.

FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee appointed to nominate two members of the Executive Committee, beg leave to nominate J. D. Elliott and Dr. H. N. Abernethy.

Respectfully,
J. T. ERVIN,
M. I. HARRIS,
L. V. PADGETT,
Committee.

The report was adopted and the nominees declared elected.
J. D. Elliott submitted the following

Resolution of Thanks:

Resolved, That the thanks of the South Fork Assaciation, assembled at River View Church, be tendered to the members of this church, to the community, and especially to the good women for the wonderful entertainment they have provided for us. And we assure all these good people of our hearty appreciation of their kindness. May God's blessings abide on each one.

J. D. ELLIOTT.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.
J. F. Blackburn submitted the following report on

Place and Preachers.

We, your Committee on Place and Preacher for the next session of the Association, beg to submit the following:
Place—Catawba Church.
Preacher—H. R. FREEMAN.
Alternate—A. T. Harwell.

J. F. BLACKBURN,
J. D. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

The report was adopted.
By motion, the Clerk was instructed to have 500 minutes printed and he be paid $25.00 for his work.
There being no further business to come before the Association, by motion, and after the song, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and prayer, W. R. Bradshaw, the Association adjourned to meet in its next annual session with Catawba Church on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1923, at 10 a. m.

J. A. SNOW, Moderator.
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

THE W. M. U. MEETING

The third annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Fork Association was held in the Lincolnton First Baptist Church, September 22, 1922.

With Mrs. J. Y. Killian, superintendent of the Association, presiding, the meeting was opened at 10 o'clock by singing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Mrs. A. T. Howell, of Newton, conducted the devotional exercises. Mr. J. W. Proctor, of Lincolnton, sang a solo. The address of welcome was made by Mrs. J. L. Putman. Response by Miss Della Abernethy, of Maiden. Minutes for 1921 were read and approved. The roll of societies was called and each one was represented, as follows:

Hickory, First Church—Mesdames J. L. Leach, R. C. Carlton, A. F. Wagner, J. A. Webb, W. R. Bradshaw, A. J. Essex, Earl N. Carr, G. B. Everett, J. R. Hosley C. L. Mosteller, E. H. Umstead, George R. Wooten and Eunice Wood.

Lincolnton, First—Mesdames J. T. McLean, H. E. Setzer, M. Cutcheon, R. S. Edwards, Alice Huss, E. D. Johnson and Miss Jennie Whistnant.

Maiden—Mesdames H. H. Havner, J. A. Whitener, Perry, Havner, D. A. Finger, W. A. Bolick, Annie Withers, D. E. Perkins, J. S. Lawing, H. L. Lawing, J. C. Heffner, Dewey Williams, I. C. Williams, H. A. Lineberger, Misses Della Abernethy, Leona Parker, Florence Wilkerson, Dona Heffner, Jethna Withers and Lucy Havner.

River View—Mesdames J. F. Blackburn, Buna Cauble and R. A. Coffey.

West Hickory—Mesdames W. H. Hicks, W. G. Abernethy, Jessie Justice, M. A. Burch and Miss Lillian Abernethy.

Highland—Mesdames W. T. Harris, Lee Fry, and E. M. Suggs.

Newton—Mesdames J. G. Killian, S. T. Gaddy, J. W. Hendricks, M. S. Beam, and W. A. Hass.

Mt. Ruhama—Mesdames T. H. Caldwell, S. M. Abernethy, S. A. Stroup, Misses Etta Abernethy, and Edna Caldwell.

Olivet—Mesdames G. W. Setzer, and F. B. Tilley.

Penelope—Mrs. M. I. Harris.

Lawings Chapel—Mesdames W. M. Lawing, Cora Bandy, and Miss Annie Bandy.

Brookford—Mrs. J. H. Boggs.

Visitors—Mrs. Beeler Moore, Gastonia; Mrs. J. H. Bowman, Morganton; Mrs. T. S. Ramsey, Mrs. J. V. Blackburn, Miss Vitean Pickron, Hickory; Messrs. T. H. Caldwell, S. A. Stroup, and H. C. Whitener. A rising vote was made honoring the presence of Mrs. W. L. Killian, one of the oldest missionary workers in the Association.

Report of the Superintendent is as follows: Campaign pledges for W. M. U. of the South Fork Association, $15,452.02. Yearly quota, $3,090.48. Raised this year, $3,839.02. No. societies, 31; No. churches, 35; Members societies, 789. No churches having W. M. S., 14. No. of Y. W. A.'s, 3. G. A.'s, 3. R. A.'s, 3. Sunbeams, 8; No. of churches without missionary organization, 21. No. of postals

written, 237. No. societies organized, 6. Miles traveled, 228. Societies visited, 14. Literature statistics—Mission study classes, 15; Biblical Recorders taken, 96; Home and Foreign Fields, 70; Royal service, 58.

Reports from various societies showed progress along all lines of mission work—all pledges paid to the $75,000,000.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The resignation of Mrs Wilson as Secretary and Mrs. Osborne Brown as Treasurer, were accepted with regrets.

Mrs. A. J. Essex, gave the report of the Charlotte Division, which met with the North Wilkesboro Baptist Church in May. In planning the work for the year it was voted that the Association be divided into four sections and a leader be appointed for each division. It was moved and seconded that $10.00 be sent to the Lila B. Henry room in the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. Mrs. Beeler Moore, of Gastonia, made an excellent address, using as her theme, Philipians, 3rd chapter.

Committees were appointed, after which Rev. J. F. Blackburn dismissed with prayer for the dinner hour; and all partook of the bountiful luncheon which had been prepared by the Lincolnton ladies.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the Union reassembled and the meeting was opened by singing, "More Love to Thee, Oh Christ." Mrs. W. T. Harris had charge of the devotional service. A solo by Mrs. Moore was enjoyed. Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Rev. H. C. Whitener addressed the audience on reinforcement plans for $75,000,000 campaign. "Mission Study" was discussed by Mrs. J. R. Hosley, emphasizing the needs of more mission study classes, etc.

The Lincolnton Sunbeams gave a very enjoyable demonstration under the leadership of Mrs. T. V. Lineberger and Mrs. J. A. Snow. Mrs. J. W. Hendricks presented a splendid paper on "Young People's Work." Mrs. Earl Carr told of the "Important Sunbeam and Royal Ambassador Work." A "Personal Service" conference was led by Mrs. Gaddy. The Superintendent was asked by the Union to appoint a Personal Service Chairman for the Association. Representatives to the Association to meet at River View were appointed as follows: Mrs. Jessie Justice, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. W. M. Lawing and Miss Della Abernethy.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Time and Place—We the Committee on Time and Place, recommend that the time be left with the Executive Committee and that the place be the Penelope Baptist Church.

MRS. M. I. HARRIS.
Mrs. W. T. HARRIS.
MRS. H. H. LAWING.
MRS. W. G. ABERNETHY.

Nominations—We, the Committee on Nominations, recommend for Superintendent, Mrs. J. Y. Killian; Secretary, Mrs. Earl N. Carr; Treasurer, Mrs. O. Joe Howard.

MRS. JESSIE JUSTICE,
MRS. GAITHER WEBB,
Committee.

Organization—We, the Committee on Organization, recommend the following names for divisional leaders: Mrs. A. J. Essex, Mrs.

J. L. Putman, Mrs. S. T. Gaddy, and Mrs. Della Abernethy.

MRS. W. R. BRADSHAW,
Mrs. J. A. SNOW.
MRS. A. T. HOWELL.
MRS. W. M. LAWING.

Plans of Work—The Committee on Plans of Work recommend, First, That our Motto be "God is Able." Second, That our Watchword be "Forward." Third, That we strive to meet our annual campaign pledges during the coming year. Fourth, That each Society send to the Treasurer for Associational Expense Fund an amount of ten cents per member. Fifth, That each Society organize and foster one new Society during the year. Sixth, That we do not neglect our systematic giving and special seasons of prayer and organizing of more mission study classes. Seventh, That each Society strive to do greater personal service. Eighth, That we cultivate a more spiritual atmosphere in our meetings. Ninth, That every Society co-operate with our beloved Superintendent in her effort to reach the unenlisted churches in the Association; the standard of excellence and cheerfully aid her in making the South Fork Association the Banner Association again this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. S. T. GADDY,
Mrs. W. G. HICKS,
MRS. C. L. MOSTELLER,
MRS. E. M. SUGGS,
Committee.

Resolutions—We, the Committee on Resolutions, in behalf of the W. M. U. of the South Fork Association, wish to thank, First, the people of the First Church, Lincolnton, for their gracious hospitality and their most cordial welcome extended in the address by Mrs. J. L. Putman and the Sunbeam Band—thanking the latter for the interesting program which they rendered—also; Second, we appreciate and wish to express our thanks to Mrs. H. B. Moore, of Gastonia, for her inspiring and spiritual message; Third, we feel indebted to and thank the people of the First Church for so kindly offering their handsome new building to our W. M. U. Association for the first service in the church.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. EARL N. CARR,
MRS. F. B. TILLSY,
MRS. M. S. BEAM,
Committee.

Collection was taken for the minute fund, amounting to $4.15.

After a chain of sentence prayers the meeting adjourned to meet with the Penelope Baptist Church, September, 1923.

MRS. J. Y. KILLIAN, Superintendent.
Mrs. EARL N. CARR, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members, two from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. Six members shall be elected at this session, two from each section of the Association to serve one year, two from each section for two years, two from each section for three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of each session a Committee of three shall nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at 10 a. m. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be: Meet at 9:00 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

NAME OF CHURCHES	Sundays of Preaching	Gains By			Loss By			Total Membership
		Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death	
Amity	3				3			61
Antioch	3	8	3	1				23
Brookford	Every	20	4	1	15	1		144
Catawba	1, 3	8	8		1			102
Cedar Grove	3	4			6		1	57
Centerview	1, 3	3	4		3		2	73
Corinth	4	2			1		2	156
Denver	2							25
Goodsonville	2, 4	3	41					55
Hickory First	Every	43	40		17	13	2	601
Highland	Every	20	20	4	17	4	1	183
Kids Chapel	1	2				1		39
Lawings Chapel	3, 1 Sat.	2	3		10	1		147
Leonards Fork	4	4			4		1	87
Lincolnton First	Every	9	9		12	62	1	248
Lincolnton Avenue	2, 4	16	16		20		3	171
Long Shoals	1, 3	2	2		1	5		41
Macedonia	1	19	2		15	1	1	223
Maiden	1, 3	71	39	4			2	354
Mountain Grove	2, 4	1		1			2	78
Mount Ruhama	2, 4	2	4		7	4	3	186
Mountain View	1, 3	13	4	1	15			79
Mount Zion	2	5			5		2	123
Newton First	Every	38	6	3	41	5		236
North Newton	1	4	8	1	3			40
Olivet	2, 4	6	1		10		2	165
Penelope	Every	17	20					185
Piney Grove	2, 4	1			5		1	50
Providence	4				2	3	2	106
Reepsville	2		3					44
Roseland	2, 4	27	18					45
Salem	3	10	2		3	1		70
Sharon	1	1	7		1			75
Warlick's Chapel	1	1	7		1			61
Webb's Chapel	2, 4				7		1	42
West Hickory	Every	2	16		16	1	1	364
Totals		364	287	16	241	102	30	4,739
Membership reported last year								4,239

Faith not reported.

HOME EXPENSES

CHURCHES	Pastors' Salaries	Other Salaries	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Ministerial Help	For the Local Poor	Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.	Printing	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Total Home Expenses
Amity	$ 50.00	------	-------	-------	-------	------	-------	------	-------	-------	$ 50.00
Antioch	30.00	------	-------	-------	-------	------	-------	------	$ 1.00	-------	31.00
Bethel	200.00	------	$ 220.00	$ 1.00	$ 30.00	------	$ 19.74	------	1.50	-------	472.24
Brookford	780.00	54.00	2.00	9.50	81.57	------	65.91	$29.69	5.00	46.18	1,078.85
Catawba	219.25	24.00	3.75	67.39	90.24	------	96.57	------	2.00	1.70	504.90
Cedar Grove	121.54	------	-------	7.50	22.00	------	25.00	------	.55	-------	176.59
Center View	151.00	------	-------	-------	61.66	------	36.45	------	2.40	33.00	284.51
Corinth	200.00	------	26.00	-------	75.00	------	-------	------	1.00	-------	302.00
Denver	100.00	------	-------	-------	-------	------	-------	------	1.00	-------	101.00
Goodsonville	50.00	------	1,411.80	15.00	-------	------	24.00	------	1.25	30.00	1,532.05
Hickory First	2,600.00	455.00	1,485.00	128.03	483.25	$150.00	425.00	19.05	20.00	884.67	6,650.00
Highland	1,422.25	------	513.00	153.75	163.47	------	170.77	------	3.00	199.88	2,626.12
Kids Chapel	75.00	------	-------	15.00	12.00	3.00	9.00	------	1.90	-------	115.90
Lawings Chapel	186.01	------	-------	6.64	33.00	17.00	34.61	------	2.65	27.00	306.91
Leonards Fork	300.00	------	-------	-------	28.00	------	-------	------	1.00	-------	329.00
Lincolnton First	1,800.24	------	4,074.50	346.77	-------	------	221.92	------	10.00	-------	6,453.43
Lincolnton Avenue	327.45	18.00	246.57	8.70	77.62	15.00	50.62	9.25	4.50	20.00	777.71
Long Shoals	200.00	------	15.00	5.00	-------	5.00	25.00	1.00	.50	7.50	159.00
Macedonia	200.17	------	8,000.00	-------	46.50	------	-------	------	2.00	-------	8,248.67
Maiden	690.88	------	23.70	81.56	765.00	121.18	104.50	------	4.50	-------	1,791.32
Mountain Grove	350.00	12.00	-------	-------	46.00	50.66	-------	------	-------	-------	458.66
Mount Ruhama	355.00	------	99.00	-------	40.00	------	-------	------	3.00	12.00	509.00
Mountain View	150.50	------	-------	25.00	30.00	------	27.00	------	5.00	-------	237.50
Mount Zion	110.05	------	-------	10.00	50.00	------	14.50	------	1.00	-------	185.55
Newton	1,500.00	------	430.00	158.00	200.00	30.00	140.00	------	5.00	120.00	2,583.50
North Newton	130.00	------	-------	11.25	69.00	5.00	59.50	------	1.00	35.00	310.75
Olivet	650.00	------	58.60	8.00	125.00	------	92.00	------	4.00	75.00	1,012.60
Penelope	1,030.00	------	190.30	151.24	84.66	225.00	171.24	------	5.00	-------	1,857.44
Piney Grove	150.00	------	-------	-------	15.00	------	-------	------	-------	-------	165.00
Providence	125.00	------	-------	-------	29.74	------	8.00	------	1.50	-------	164.24
Reepsville	40.00	------	-------	-------	-------	------	-------	------	-------	-------	40.00
River View	800.40	------	141.00	-------	325.40	31.80	65.81	------	3.00	-------	1,367.41
Roseland	17.45	------	205.00	-------	35.00	------	26.92	3.75	3.25	1.00	292.37
Salem	125.54	------	15.90	-------	20.00	------	15.00	4.25	1.00	15.10	196.79
Sharon	-------	------	-------	-------	32.00	------	8.18	------	-------	-------	40.18
Warlicks	198.00	------	-------	.50	156.50	------	-------	------	-------	-------	355.00
Webb's Chapel	200.00	------	-------	2.00	-------	------	13.00	------	.70	-------	215.70
West Hickory	1,000.00	------	479.81	86.41	-------	24.16	135.59	1.50	5.00	151.17	1,883.64
Totals	$15,735.73	$563.00	$17,610.93	$1,298.24	$3,227.61	$677.80	$2,085.83	$68.49	$99.20	$1,659.20	$43,026.03

The Woman's Mission gave for missions $4.55

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Officers and Teachers	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Senior-Adult	Totals	Average Attendance
Bethel	B. F. Wilson, Lincolnton	8	30	14	26	15	21	114	59
Brookford	T. C. Adams, Brookford	14	----	----	----	----	----	126	105
Catawba	O. H. Witherspoon, Catawba	6	----	18	12	12	18	66	32
Cedar Grove	John Beard, R. 3, Newton	7	----	19	24	28	6	84	55
Center View	W. M. Turbyfill, Lincolnton	9	----	----	----	----	----	89	66
Corinth	R. P. Havenar, Henry	7	----	----	----	----	----	130	60
Goodsonville	W. H. Lingerfelt, Lincolnton	----	----	----	----	----	----	68	----
Hickory First	Thomas P. Pruitt, Hickory	33	55	70	87	100	175	520	340
Highland	A. T. Fox, Hickory	14	----	----	----	----	----	339	150
Kids Chapel	James Bynum, Iron Station	4	14	----	----	15	12	45	32
Lawings Chapel	R. B. Cook, R. 4, Lincolnton	12	18	12	22	27	30	121	85
Leonards Fork	T. B. Heavner, Crouse	3	----	11	----	9	17	40	28
Lincolnton First	J. O. Allen, Lincolnton	13	----	----	----	----	----	200	115
Lincolnton Avenue	Ira A. Hallman, Lincolnton	7	----	----	----	----	----	125	98
Long Shoals	R. B. Gates, Lincolnton	6	24	10	8	7	10	65	40
Macedonia	S. F. Lee, Lincolnton	6	28	19	----	----	52	105	58
Maiden	J. W. Williams, Maiden	11	60	30	60	----	192	353	300
Mountain Grove	C. S. Eckard, R. 1, Hickory	6	----	----	----	----	----	75	40
Mount Ruhama	T. H. Caldwell, R. 1, Maiden	10	----	----	----	----	----	141	85
Mount Zion	L. H. Hilderman, Alexis	7	12	18	11	12	18	78	60
Newton First	B. L. Ledwell, Conover	12	24	13	12	13	110	184	125
North Newton	I. F. Cook, Newton	10	33	----	16	23	57	139	83
Olivet	Osborne Brown, Long Island	13	17	26	36	27	69	188	91
Penelope	W. I. Parsons, R. 4, Hickory	7	----	----	----	----	----	277	----
Piney Grove	Lee Setzer, R. 2, Newton	7	5	----	5	7	7	31	20
Providence	G. P. Young, R. 5, Hickory	5	----	----	----	----	----	30	30
River View	A. M. Horless, Southside	10	30	25	28	----	60	153	----
Roseland	Webb Durham, Lincolnton	6	----	16	19	17	9	67	55
Salem	C. F. Clanton, Lincolnton	7	10	6	10	15	6	54	35
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station	6	17	----	26	23	----	72	45
Warlicks	Perry Berry, Icard	7	----	----	----	----	----	91	50
Webb's Chapel	S. O. Murphy, Lincolnton	6	----	----	----	----	----	50	30
West Hickory	R. A. Self, West Hickory	12	----	----	----	----	----	266	180
	Totals	242	377	307	402	352	869	4475	2502

No report from Amity, Antioch, Denver, Mountain View, Reepsville.

CHURCH, PASTORS, CLERKS, ETC.

CHURCHES	When Organized	NAME OF PASTORS	Seating Capacity	Value of Church Property	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHURCH CLERK
Amity	1906	J. A. Snow	250	$ 1,000.00	E. L. Ballard, R. 1, Iron Station.
Antioch	1922	C. A. Abernethy	----	----------	Miss Fannie Bolick, R. F. D., Lincolnton.
Bethel	1895	H. B. Chronister	----	1,000.00	W. C. Mullen, R. F. D., Lincolnton.
Brookford	1907	J. H. Boggs	300	2,500.00	Albert Edwards, R. F D. 3, Hickory.
Catawba	1875	R. L. Davis	400	5,000.00	C. W. Ervin, Catawba.
Cedar Grove	1902	B. H. Laughridge	300	1,800.00	A. Clyde Michael, R. 3, Maiden.
Center View	1915	Not Given	400	2,500.00	J. F. Hovis, Lincolnton, R. F. D.
Corinth	1855	H. B. Chronister	500	1,000.00	G. W. Hood, R. F. D., Reepsville.
Denver	1914	Not Given	----	----------	H. N. Abernethy, Denver, N. C.
Goodsonville	1922	J. A. Snow	300	2,189.63	W. H. Lingerfelt, Lincolnton.
Hickory First	1870	W. R. Bradshaw	700	45,000.00	Edgar L. Fox, Hickory.
Highland	1912	H. C. Whitener	400	5,000.00	Walter Duncan, Hickory, R. 2.
Kidds Chapel	1872	S. A. Stroup	300	1,500.00	W. A. Poole, R. 1, Iron Station.
Lawings Chapel	1907	W. B. McClure	400	1,000.00	Samuel Bandy, R. 4, Lincolnton.
Leonards Fork	1882	A. W. Setzer	300	600.00	J. W. Hoover, Crouse.
Lincolnton First	1815	J. A. Snow	600	65,000.00	W. E. Padgett, Lincolnton.
Lincolnton Avenue	1911	B. H. Laughridge	400	2,000.00	Geo. H. Schronce, Lincolnton.
Long Shoals	1901	J. F. Blackburn	350	2,800.00	R. B. Gates, R. 6, Lincolnton.
Macedonia	1834	Not Given	550	8,000.00	W. W. Lawing, Lincolnton.
Maiden	1891	J. F. Blackburn	400	6,000.00	E. H. Williams, Maiden.
Mountain Grove	1881	J. Lee Jones	300	2,000.00	S. F. Huffman, R. 1, Hickory.
Mount Ruhama	1816	Not Given	500	2,500.00	F. H. Caldwell, Newton, R. F. D.
Mountain Vie w	1853	Not Given	250	1,000.00	M. A. Gillelang, Maiden, N. C.
Mount Zion	1869	C. L. Taylor	400	1,800.00	M. J. Hager ,Alexis.
Newton First	1882	A. T. Howell	800	20,000.00	Ben Wood, Newton.
North Newton	1921	B. H. Laughridge	500	----------	Miss Dasie Whisnant, Newton.
Olivet	1833	No Pastor	500	2,000.00	J. T. Evin, Catawba.
Penelope	1888	M. I. Harris	300	2,500.00	C. C. Kees, R. 4, Hickory.
Piney Grove	1904	S. A. Stroup	350	800.00	Lee Setzer, R. 2, Newton.
Providence	1878	J. H. Boggs	200	400.00	G. P. Young, Hickory, R. F. D.
Reepsville	1899	P. W. Bangle	250	1,000.00	James Lazenby, Reepsville.
River View	1897	J. F. Blackburn	800	1,000.00	A. L. Cline, Southside.
Roseland	1922	Not Given	----	----------	Webb Durham, Lincolnton, R. F. D.
Salem	1847	C. A. Abernethy	400	800.00	C. F. Clanton, Lincolnton, N. C.
Sharon	1854	W. B. McLure	500	500.00	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station.
Warlicks	1875	J. H. Boggs	700	1,500.00	E. T. Berry, Icard.
Webb's Chapel	1892	J. F. Blackburn	250	1,000.00	F. B. Carpenter, R. 5, Lincolnton.
West Hickory	1907	H. R. Freeman	500	2,500.00	J. R. Pierce, West Hickory.

BENEVOLENT OBJECTS

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Christian Schools	Ministerial Education	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Foreign Relief	Miscellaneous	75 Million Fund	Total
Amity	------	$ 1.00	$ 2.50	------	------	$ 64.36	$ 2.00	------	------	$ 37.85	$ 37.85
Bethel	------	9.75	10.17	------	$ 4.25	60.50	------	$ 65.00	------	15.60	84.46
Brookford	$ 4.00	------	------	------	1.45	10.10	------	7.00	------	175.09	331.76
Catawba	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	166.50	185.05
Cedar Grove	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	124.50	124.50
Center View	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	80.80	80.80
Denver	------	5.00	10.00	------	------	------	------	------	------	-------	15.00
Goodsonville	4.55	4.55	4.56	------	------	10.74	------	------	------	-------	24.36
Hickory First	269.31	491.57	296.26	$251.45	------	265.15	------	140.00	$652.35	2,741.21	5,104.30
Highland	------	------	22.03	------	------	140.36	------	------	------	406.17	568.56
Kids Chapel	5.00	5.00	5.00	------	------	5.30	------	------	------	-------	20.30
Lawings Chapel	------	------	------	------	------	4.47	------	------	------	61.60	66.07
Leonards Fork	------	------	4.65	------	------	------	------	------	------	159.00	163.65
Lincolnton First	100.00	100.00	100.00	------	------	294.80	------	------	------	-------	594.80
Lincolnton Avenue	------	------	------	------	------	7.00	------	------	------	16.00	23.00
Long Shoals	5.00	5.00	16.00	------	------	------	------	------	------	-------	26.00
Macedonia	2.00	2.00	------	------	------	6.56	2.00	------	------	-------	12.56
Maiden	------	------	------	------	------	101.71	------	------	------	135.17	236.88
Mountain Grove	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	148.30	148 30
Mt. Ruhama	5.24	2.25	3.00	------	------	10.00	------	------	146.60	42.00	209.09
Mountain View	7.92	------	------	------	------	20.00	------	------	------	-------	27.92
Mt. Zion	------	------	------	------	20.00	12.00	------	------	------	146.20	178.20
Newton	------	------	75.00	------	------	250.00	------	14.21	------	313.44	427.65
North Newton	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	34.84	34.84
Olivet	------	------	------	------	2.00	40.00	------	13.50	------	217.05	272.56
Penelope	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	281.49	281.49
Piney Grove	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	26.35	26.35
River View	10.00	10.00	10.00	------	------	53.60	10.00	------	4.70	6.80	105.10
Salem	------	------	------	------	------	7.35	------	------	------	-------	7.35
Sharon	------	------	------	------	------	3.92	------	------	------	-------	3.92
Warlick's	------	------	------	------	------	18.00	------	------	------	20.00	38.00
Webb's Chapel	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	22.00	22.00
West Hickory	21.80	8.50	7.05	10.75	------	16.25	------	------	------	424.37	488.72
Totals	$434.92	$644.62	$566.22	$262.20	$27.60	$1,402.17	$14.00	$239.71	$803.65	$5,801.31	$10.196.40

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J. N. Dills, Newton, N. C.
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M. I. Harris, Hickory, R. 4
Vance Havner, Henry
I. M. Hildebrand, Hickory, R. 4
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J. B. Pruitt, Hickory
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E. S. Whisnant, Lincolnton
C. H. Whitener, Hickory

PROCEEDINGS

South Fork Association met in its Forty-fifth Annual Session with Catawba Church Thursday, Sept. 27, 1923, at 10 o'clock a. m.

After the song, "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord," Rev. C. S. Cashwell read Isaiah 58:1-9, and led in prayer.

After the song, "Blessed Assurance," Rev. H. R. Freeman preached the annual sermon. His subject: "Christ's Commission." Text: Mark 16:15, 16. A practical, gospel sermon.

After a prayer, Dr. C. E. Maddry leading, Moderator J. A. Snow called the Association to order; the roll of churches was called and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—Fannie Bolick, Maggie Parker, and Carl Devine.

Bethel—H. B. Chronister, Mrs. H. B. Chronister, E. D. Craig and W. C. Mullen.

Brookford—J. H. Boggs, S. A. Campbell, Mrs. Dora Bright and C. W. Smith.

Cedar Grove—John Beard, M. C. Pannell and Mrs. Emma Pannell.

Catawba—As the Association met with it, they reported no delegates.

Centerview—J. S. Goodson, M. C. Laney, S. O. Hovis, Ella Goodson, and Della Laney.

Corinth—R. P. Havner, Lester Stallings, C. T. Hoffman and Clayton V. Stallings.

Denver—H. N. Abernethy.

Faith—J. R. Hilderman and B. E. Ballard.

Gainsville—W. P. Martin, Robert Smith, William Ingle and James Smith.

Goodsonville—N. L. Marlow and Beacher Smith.

Hickory First—W. R. Bradshaw, L. L. Hatfield, O. Joe Howard, J. W. Bowles, R. M. Perry and J. R. Hosley.

Highland—H. C. Whitener, H. M. Croom, A. T. Fox and Lee Frye.

Kidds Chapel—D. A Poole, W. F. Keever and S. A. Whitener.

Lawings Chapel—W. H. Caldwell, R. G. Caldwell, G. S. Whisnant and R. B. Cook.

Leonards Fork—J. W. Hoover and T. W. Hoover.

Lincolnton First—M. T. Leatherman, Pauline Honeycutt, Mrs. J. A. Snow and Mrs. T. V. Lineberger.

Lincolnton Avenue—E. M. Hallman, Perly Mosteller, Kelly Mosteller and W. W. Caldwell.

Macedonia—W. A. Potts, S. F. Lee, Mrs. S. F. Lee and Josephine Lee.

Maiden—J. W. Williams, I. I. Williams, Della Abernethy, W. W. Rimmer and Mrs. W. W. Rimmer.

Mountain Grove—Lee J. Jones and Calvin Baker.

Mount Ruhama—Robt. Drum, W. M. Caldwell, O. O. Abernethy, J. E. Caldwell and Thomas Cline.

Mount Vernon—R. L. Hoyle and J. D. Letherman.

Mountain View—W. W. Macon, L. G. Gillelan and L. P. Gillelan.

Mount Zion—L. H. Hilderman, E. A. Sadler, J. F. Hilderman,

L. A. McClure and W. B. McClure.

Newton First—A. T. Harwell, B. L. Leadwell, E. F. Lingerfelt, S. T. Gaddy and J. Y. Killian.

North Newton—J. N. Dills, J. H. Stewart, W. N. Whisnant, Daisy Whisnant, Lillian Whisnant, M. Morrison and Mrs. B. M. Borke.

Olivet—Osborne Brown, H. E. Fisher, J. T. Ervin, W. W. Ervin, L. A. White, Mrs. L. A. White, Mrs. J. P. Bennett.

Penelope—M. I. Harris, I. M. Hildebrand, W. I. Parson, Mesdames W. I. Parson, B. C. Shuford and O. A. Yoder.

Piney Grove—J. P. Abernethy and J. C. Setzer.

Providence—D. W. Brittain, R. L. Asherbraner, J. P. Young and J. C. Brittain.

Reepsville—Dan Helms.

River View—S. T. Reep, Mrs. S. T. Reep and Lillian Sullivan.

Salem—C. F. Clanton, F. D. Helms and Clarence Helms.

Sharon—J. S. Hollman, Frank Caldwell and May Dellinger.

Warlicks—R. S. Icard, Perry Berry and E. F. Berry.

Webbs Chapel—Clarence Carpenter, F. B. Carpenter and Mrs. F. B. Carpenter.

West Hickory—H. R. Freeman, Mrs. H. R. Freeman, Joe Gabbard, Mrs. Joe Gabbard, Mrs. M. A. Burch and Mrs. Schyler Huffman.

By motion, the Association proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, J. P. Bennett presiding during the election.

The following were elected: For Moderator, J. A. Snow; Vice Moderator, W. W. Rimmer; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, J. Y. Killian.

The Moderator appoints the Committee on Program as follows: J. D. Elliott, W. W. Rimmer and M. T. Leatherman.

A. T. Howell submitted the following report, which was discussed by W. R. Beach and adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In the propagation of the truth nothing, save the oral preaching of the gospel, is a greater factor than the printed page. No one is able to estimate the power, for good or evil, of the book or newspaper. In the history of a nation, or denomination or family there is no greater influence for good than its religious literatuer.

The Christian periodical, combining the features of instruction and news, plays one of the most important functions in the growth and efficiency of a church and denomination.

A denomination will never be better nor more virile than its literature. A church will never develop normally and maintain an active interest in the denominational enterprises unless its members read their denominational periodicals. An uninformed Baptist is an uninterested Baptist; an uninterested Baptist is an indifferent Baptist; an indifferent Baptist is a do-nothing Baptist and a do-nothing Baptist is a positive hindrance to the work of the kingdom—a dead weight and scotch to the upper side of the kingdom's chariot wheels.

No North Carolina Baptist can be thoroughly informed about our work in the state and about much beyond the state, without the weekly reading of the Biblical Recorder, a religious paper second to none in our Southern Baptist Convention.

Then if we shall have our interest in the world wide missions

kindled and fed until it becomes a glowing flame, we must have a means of regular supply of fuel, an agency of information. The only agency among us devoted specifically and wholly to the great cause of missions at home and abroad is our "Home and Foreign Fields." A monthly journal filled with the most important information about the mission work that Southern Baptists are trying to do. No Southern Baptist can be thoroughly intelligent in regard to our mission work without this journal.

Therefore in view of the importance of our religious literature in the promotion of our intellectual and spiritual life, your committee recommends:

1. That each church have a standing committee to press the matter of subscription to the Biblical Recorder and a similar committee for the Home and Foreign Fields.
2. That each church put before it as a worthy goal the placing of a copy of each of these papers in each home represented in the church membership.
3. That the pastors, in order to aid in this effort, call attention from time to time to specially note worthy articles and editorials, and read to his congregation excerpts from these, thus arousing interest in the work itself and showing the value of these papers.

A. T. HOWELL.

J. D. Elliott submitted the program for the present session. It was accepted and rendered, but not published in the minutes, but the program for next session is.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on New Churches: A. T. Howell, J. P. Bennett, H. R. Freeman, W. B. McClure and T. P. Pruett.

The following visitors were welcomed to seats in the Association: C. E. Maddry, of the State Mission Board; M. L. Kestler, Superintendent of the Thomasville Orphanage; J. S. Johnson, Representative of Mountain View Jr. College; and C. A. Lineberger and G. P. Abernethy, of Catawba River Association.

The following new pastors were welcomed: J. N. Dills, North Newton; J. P. Bennett, Olivet; W. W. Rimmer, Maiden; R. Lee Davis, Catawba.

The Association adjourned one hour for dinner, prayer by W. R. Bradshaw. The dinner was served on a long table on the church yard and it was fine and abundant.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a Scripture read by J. N. Dills and prayer by W. R. Bradshaw, the Moderator called the Association to order and appaints the following committees:

To audit Treasurer's Books: J. H. Boggs.

Place and Preacher: Marion Laney, J. T. Ervin, H. C. Whitener and John Hoover.

Nominate Member of State Mission Board: S. T. Gaddy, W| R. Bradshaw, and C. A. Abernethy.

Nominate Executive Committee: O. Joe Howard, Calvin Baker and C. D. Drum.

The three following reports on missions were submitted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. When the Conven-

tion met in that city eighteen years ago, the board's receipts for the year were $169,988.92. This year they were $1,002,193.07.

Then the board reported 10,551 baptisms, this year 38,770. Then there were 20,570 additions to the churches, this year 59,597. In 1905 the board had no special department of Evangelism. Shortly after that the department was organized and through it there have been 152,846 converts baptized, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or definite mission work.

All the other departments of the board's work have advanced in a similar way. Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for His marvelous favor upon the work of our Home Mission Board.

It is our one great Southwide missionary agency and has been the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire; especially has its power been felt in the newer section of the South, the Mississippi Valley and great Southwest.

While Southern Baptists have made mighty progress there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in our history.

There are millions of lost souls whom we must reach and our people must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities.

Our Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the great enlargement of the work and the falling off in receipts due largely to the deflation in prices in general.

The last report of the board states, that if we raise $75,000,000 by the close of the 75 Million Campaign and the Home Board receives its due proportion, the Board's debt can be paid and the board's work increased fifty per cent. over its present operations.

Let us come to the help of this great work and all our other interests as well.

H. C. WHITENER.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

In this report I submit the material prepared by Dr. T. B. Ray, Associate Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, as the information we need.

The work of Foreign Missions grows. We now have 891 churches in sixteen foreign lands; 211, or practically one-fourth of these churches are self-supporting; 442, or one-half, have their own houses of worship. In addition to the churches there are 2,896 out-stations which give us a total of practically 4,000 stations where the word of God is preached regularly. Last year is the crowning year in baptisms, 12,611 were baptized, which is 4,720 more than reported the year before. We have passed the 100,000 mark in membership. We have 103,328 members. These gave $4.23 per capita last year. We have 796 schools which were attended last year by 32,789 scholars. This is about equal to the number of students in our Baptist Schools in the Southland.

There were 1,447 Sunday Schools, which had an enrollment of 67.407.

We have now 501 Foreign Missionaries and 2,820 Native Missionaries. This is almost twice as many foreign missionaries and almost four times as many native missionaries as we had in 1919 at the beginning of the Seventy-five Million Campaign.

The Board reported a debt of $403,000 at Kansas City. There is n oroom to criticise the Board on account of this debt, the Board has apropriated only about one-half of what it was to receive from the Seventy-five Millian Campaign. After hearing of the financial condition of the Board and of the more than fifty young people who were ready to go to the foreign fields this year, the Convention raised through voluntary subscription from delegates present money to send out these new missionaries.

In the spirit of what took place at the Convention the Board at its June meeting appointed forty-eight new missionaries who are to go to their fields this fall.

The practical suggestion for everybody to take to heart at this critical time when the Board is burdened with debt, overwhelmed by the growth of the work, and appalled by vast minute needs, is that everyone do his utmost to pay his Seventy-five Million Campaign pledge in full this year. If these pledges are paid fully, the Board can pay its debts, support the missionaries and provide for many, many more distressing needs.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is one of the greatest enterprises in our evangelical work as a denomination. It ought to appeal to everyone of us who claims to be a Missionary Baptist. A Missionary Baptist church, large or small, rich or poor, in town or country, that is not interested in missions, ought to change its name. It can't claim to be Christ's church, to which He gave the commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." A church that does not obey that command, cannot have Christ's promised presence with it to the end.

The State Mission Board has done a great work. Many of our best churches would not be here, but for this Board. It has aided many in town and country, and is still doing it. It is still sending the gospel, as we see and believe it, into the destitute sections of the State. As one result, we cover the State as no other Christian denomination does. Another result is, we outnumber any two, if not any three of them in the State. While we have and are doing a great work in the State, yet there never has been a time when mission work was more needed than now. Due to two causes—an increase of population, and of worldly allurements.

But we are equal to the task. All we have to do is to go to our people in a Christian and business-like way. For missions work last year, the Board appropriated $126,000. That sounds large, but it isn't. That is only about 33 cents per member. If everyone would pay $1 each for missions, the amount would be $325,000. All we have to do is to explain it to our members, and show them how easy it would be if all would do his or her part. We have about 1,900 churches in the country. We have 300 without pastors. At least 1,600 churches only have once-a-month preaching. It is said 60 percent. of our Baptists in the State have taken no part in the 75 Million Campaign. It is not their fault; nor God's fault. Whose fault is it?

Respectfully,
J. D. ELLIOTT.

The reports on missions were discussed by H. C. Whitener and C. E. Maddry and adopted.

By motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee

to name a man, or men, to cooperate with Dr. C. E. Maddry in completing the 75 Million Campaign: Thos. T. Pruett, B. L. Leadwell, W. W. Rimmer, Osborne Brown, M. T. Leatherman, W. R. Bradshaw, H. R. Freeman, J. P. Bennett, and A. T. Howell.

W. W. Rimmer submitted the following:

THE REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Our orphanage located at Thomasville has had a very successful year. In fact, one of the most successful in its history, of thirty-eight years.

The health of the children in the main has been good. Only one death. But, there was more sickness among the teachers than there has been in many years. These with other things have made it hard on the school work. However, as announced a year ago, the eleventh grade has been added and thirty-four are completing the course this year, which is gratifying. The offerings have been fine, aspecially the Thanksgiving offering. Let us continue this by keeping the orphanage before our churches and Sunday Schools. A club of Charity and Children will help wonderfully. Get a club at 60c per copy per year.

There are 456 children at Thomasville and 91 at the Kennedy Home making a total of 547. Number of officers and employees 71. Number of children enrolled from the beginning 2,150. Children being aided in their homes with their mothers, 227 received during the year, 53. Monthly cost per child, $19.85. Annual cost per child, $238.20. Daily cost for the support of 547 children. $361.93, vegetables, meats, milk made and consumed by the orphanage, $29,800.93. The dairy alone furnishes 70,354 gallons milk at 30c per gallon which would bring $21,106.20.

Profit from printing department, $6,877.55.

The orphanage is in need of some more buildings. Let us increase our offerings and remember them in our prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. W. RIMMER.

The report was discussed by W. W. Rimmer and Dr. M. L. Kestler, and adopted.

H. T. Howell submitted the following:

REPORT ON NEW CHURCHES

Your committee, after due consideration, recommends the Gainsville Church be received into fellowship of this Association, and its delegates be seated in this session.

This committee also recommends that Mount Vernon Church of South Mountain Association be taken under the watchcare of this Association until it can get its letter.

H. T. HOWELL.

By motion, the report of the committee was adopted, the churches so received, and delegates seated.

The committee submitted the report on

PLACE AND PREACHER

Your committee on Place and Preacher begs to submit the following: Place of meeting, Penelope Church. To preach the

annual sermon. J. P. Bennett; his alternate, A. T. Howell.

M. C. LANEY
H. C. WHITENER
J. T. ERVIN
Committee.

The report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Y. Killian, Treasurer, submits the following:

RECEIPTS

Sept. 28, 1923.

Minute Fund	$108.75
State Missions	5.00
Home Missions	5.00
Foreign Missions	5.00
75 Million Campaign	32.56
Total	$156.31

DISBURSEMENTS

J. F. Click, services as Clerk	$ 25.00
J. F. Click, for Postage	3.00
For Printing Minutes	73.00
Walter Durham State Missions	5.00
Walter Durham, Home Missions	5.00
Walter Durham, Foreign Missions	5.00
Walter Durham, 75 Million Campaign	32.50
Total	$148.56
Sept. 27, 1923, Balance on Hand	7.75
Total	$156.31

Respectfully submitted.
J. Y. KILLIAN, *Treasurer.*

We, your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books have done so and find them correct.

Respectfully,
J. H. BOGGS.

The reports were eadopted.

S. T. Gaddy made a motion to change or correct the wording of the Constitution. The motion carried, and the Clerk was so inctructed.

By motion, the following committee was appointed to prepare a program for next session and have it published: J. H. Boggs, Osborne Brown, H. B. Chronister and M. I. Harris.

Homes assigned delegeates were read.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 7:15 p. m. Prayer, Lee J. Jones leading.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association met at 7:15. Song, "He Leadeth Me." L. J. Jones read Romans, 12th chapter. Prayer, J. H. Boggs, leading.

The Moderator calls the Association to order. Dr. R. T. Vaa was recognized and welcomed to a seat in the Body.

The Moderator reads the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is the teaching service of the Church. It has an equally important place with the other things commanded in the great commission of our Lord, and is one of the most successful and efficient agencies for the salvation of the lost. When we can get to the people a knowledge of God's word, and stimulate a study of the Bible, the way to the cross is lighted up to the multitudes. This is primarily the function of the Sunday School.

We rejoice that marvelous growth and development has been made in Sunday School work during the past year in efficiency of organization, in buildings and equipment, and in teaecher training. This means that a stronger effort is being put forth to reach the lost, and a warmer hand is being extended to them in the name of Jesus Christ, by our denomination.

We have in North Carolina 2,174 Baptist Sunday Schools. But there are a great many Baptist churches which do not have a Sunday School. We face this fact with shame. Our aim for the coming year should be to have *a Baptist Sunday School in every Baptist Church in the State and the whole world.*

Another humiliating fact we are facing today, is that our Sunday School enrollment is far behind our church enrollment. Every church member ought to be a member of the Sunday School; and yet, statistics show that only 27 out of every 100 members of the church are members of the Sunday School. We have 82 people in Sunday School to every 100 church members; but 55 of these, are not church members.

It is an important task to reach and train the 250,000 children who belong to the Baptist Sunday Schools, but we feel that the fundamental task is to enlist our church members in Sunday School.

The great improvement in the way of better buildings and equipment to take care of better organized and improved Sunday Schools is very encouraging. Our one hundred new, or remodeled church houses, are being built. The Sunday School Board at Nashville, has an architectural department to furnish expert advice to any church planning better Sunday School buildings.

But lastly, our most important and imperative need is consecrated Christian teachers, who love Christ, His Church, and the Truth, and whose hearts desire and prayer to God is, that the lost might be saved. And then for these consecrated Christian teachers to be trained for service so that the Word of God may be so taught and illustrated in their daily lives as to lead those whom they teacn to a personal and experimental knowledge of Jesus Christ as a Savior from sin, which is the crowning aim and purpose of the Sunday School work.

Respectfully,

J. P. BENNETT.

The report was discussed by J. H. Boggs, H. B. Chronister, J. Lee Jones and adopted.

The following was read by J. H. Boggs for M. I. Harris:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK

Much progress has been made in B. Y. P. U. work in North

Carolina in the past twelve months. Many new organizations have been reported, and a spirit of loyalty and consecration has manifested itself in the lives of our young people.

Great progress has been made in the study courses. More than two thousand five hundred of our young people now hold diplomas.

The Tithers' League has grown until there are now more than twenty-five hundred members. No one can estimate the power of these Tithers in our churches. Biblical methods of finance will revolutionize our financial system of church finance.

Now, just a word to our churches: The church owes it to her young people to help them find their life's work, and the best way to do it is for the church to support the B. Y. P. U. in a financial way. For the greatest asset the church has is her young people. So let's help them find their calling.

The Biblical Recorder campaign is now on. Let's help them put it over the top in good fashion.

Humbly submitted,

M. I. HARRIS.

The report was discussed by J. S. Johnson of New View Junior College and adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned until 9:00 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer, R. T. Van, leading.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9:00. J. B. Pruett read the 3rd Epistle of John, and led in prayer.

After the song, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us," the Moderator called the Association to order.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following to write reports for next session:

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS

State Missions—T. P. Pruett.
Home Missions—S. T. Gaddy.
Foreign Missions—L. V. Padgett.
Woman's Work—Alma Linebarger.
Sunday Schools—E. D. Johnson.
Ministerial Relief—J. O. Allen.
Periodicals—O. Joe Howard.
B. Y. P. U.—E. B. Ervin.
Orphanage—A. M. Harrell.
Education—J. Yates Killian.
Temperence—J. T. Perkins.
Ex-Committee's Reports—By its chairman.
Obituaries—John W. Hoover.

H. R. Freeman read the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Education is the systematic development or training of the intellectual faculties. It also possesses one with a real knowledge. Based on facts demonstrated, not supposed but proven. This is a scientific knowledge. Its object is to produce better citizens, business men and Christians, giving us a better community or commonwealth. And by adding power to natural ability. For the

more we know the better we are and the better we can do the things with which we have to do. To educate, we must give out facts and not unproven theories. It is all right to theorize, but it is unsafe for Christianity and to good citizenship to teach theories which cannot be proven, and which does not add to one's intellectual knowledge, thereby giving power to him in a prcatical way. Christian education is the same as state or popular education except Christian education includes the training of the spiritual forces of the individual with Bible under the direction of a religious or Christian organization. The Baptist educational objective is the training of the young men and women in the faith and doctrines held to be the New Testament teachings and faith by the Missionary Baptists with the common curiculum which is science, art, etc. We, as Southern Baptists, are supporting this work from preparatory to finished college work. We own three colleges. Wake Forest, for men, Meredith and Chowan for women in N. C. Meredith is located at Raleigh, and Chowan at Murphreesboro and Wake Forest at Wake Forest. They own in property and equipment $2,000,000 besides endowment. Then we have five academies. They are Boiling Springs, Buies Creek, Dell Piedmont and Wingate. They own property and equipment worth $320,000. We help to support the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., which owns property valued at $2,150,000. We also help to support the Southern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, with property valued at $1,454,700. Also a Bible institute at New Orleans with property valued at $300,000. With one or two privately owned, all these institutions are making efforts to raise the standard of moral Christian and civic citizenship. All these schools except the three outside the state belong to the Baptists of N. C. We are doing great things along educational lines. But others are also. State schools are setting a great pace just now. They are introducing many things that are new. Some are hurtful to the cause of Christianity. Our own colleges are inclined to touch those things. Let us keep our eyes open and see to it that we are not duped. Let us also care for our schools with our money, our patronage and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. H. R. FREEMAN, *as Committee.*

The report was discussed by Dr. R. T. Van and adopted. At the close of his speech, the Association stood and sang. "Blessed Be the Tie That Bands."

W. R. Bradshaw submitted the following:

ASSOCIATION'S DIRECTORS

The committee to select directors for the 75 Million Campaign in our Association, submit the names of Thos. P. Pruitt and Van Padgett.

Respectfully, submitted,
COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to nominate delegates to the conventions: W. B. Walker, J. W. Bowles and J. N. Dills.

By motion, Woman's Work was not taken up and discussed with the understanding that the report would be read when it

came, at any rate be published in the minutes.

Prayer was made for Sister S. T. Gaddy, who has been and is quite ill, lead by Dr. R. T. Van.

The following reports were submitted jointly:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of the South Fork Association met at Newton on November 10th, 1922. The following members were present: J. D. Elliott, L. V. Padgett, Lee Cline, Dr. H. N. Abernethy, S. T. Gaddy and J. Y. Killian. Rev. J. A. Snow, moderator of the Association and ex-officio member of the committee was also present and acted with the board. J. Y. Killian was elected chairman and S. T. Gaddy, Secretary.

The following applications for help from the State Mission Board for the year 1923 were endorsed:

Antioch (New Church) Lincoln County	$ 60.00
Denver, Lincoln County	150.00
Faith, Lincoln County	60.00
Goodsonville, Lincoln County	60.00
Long Shoals, Lincoln County	100.00
Reepsville, Lincoln County	50.00
Webb's Chapel, Lincoln County	100.00
Brookford, Catawba County	150.00
Cedar Grove, Catawba County	75.00
Highland, Catawba County	150.00
North Newton, Catawba County	250.00
Penelope, Catawba County	150.00
Startown, Catawba County	60.00
Windy City Mission, Catawba County	60.00
Total amount of appropriation recommended	$1,475.00

Through oversight, we have failed to get a statement from Secretary Maddry snowing the amounts the board appropriated to each of the above places and the amounts that have been paid up to this date.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN,
Chm. Ex. Committee.

SECRETARY-TREASURER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Amount on hand reported last year		$1,077.85
Interest collected from P. C. Costner		60.00
Interest collected from Claremont Hosiery Mills		32.90
Interest collected from Fidelity Hosiery Mills Co.		20.81
Total receipts		$1,191.56
Scholarship for Miss Mary B. Martin		150.00
Cash on hand		$1,041.56
Cash on hand represented by following notes:		
Claremont Hosiery Mills Co.	$641.56	
Fidelity Hosiery Mills Co.	400.00	$1,041.56
Equity in Maiden G. School and Costner notes		1,802.00
		$2,843.56

Respectfully submitted,
S. T. GADDY.

Sept. 28, 1923.

By motion the reports were received and ordered printed in the minutes.

The committee to nominate a member of the State Mission Board for this Association beg to nominate our present member, Rev. J. A. Snow.

Respectfully,

S. T. GADDY
C. A. ABERNETHY
W. R. BRADSHAW

The report was adopfed, and J. A. Snow declared duly elected.

Mrs. J. L. Putnam having come read the following:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, is one of the greatest assets in Kingdom work.

The purpose of this organization as stated in the constitution is to stimulate the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and children of the churches and the aiding in the collection of funds.

Since its organization in 1886 a substantial increase in the work has been made. They report efficient organization in fifty-six associations. Last year meetings were held in fifty-one and nearly all of these were attended by officers of the Union.

As stated above, the purpose is to stimulate the missionary spirit. This can best be done through mission study classes, so a study course for the different grades has been prepared for the completion of which certificates and seals are awarded. We are now in the fourth year in which mission study has been made a real feature. 2,489 certificates and 3,800 small seals were issued last year.

Another important aim is to stimulate the grace of giving among all its members which includes all the women and young women. Individual responsibility is stressed. We find in the associations where there are no W. M. U. organizations, the gifts to missions from the churches are very small. Women and young people in these associations and enlist them in missionary activities. We earnestly ask the sympathy and cooperation of the pastors in this effort.

There has been an interest in all lines. Tithing and Stewardship have been stressed all over the state. The number of tithers added this year was 1,394 which brings the total to 2,498.

As to our own work there are in the South Fork Association, 37 churches and 36 Missionary Societies and Auxiliaries. There are 16 churches without a missionary organization. The amount allotted to the women of South Fork Association for the $75 Million Campaign was $15,451.90. This year we have raised $710.00 above quota for the year.

We held our yearly meeting with Penelope Church, September the 6th. It was the best session in the history of our organization. Interesting addresses were made by Mrs. White and Mrs. Henry.

During this year the Union was called upon to mourn the loss of our belover Superintendent, Mrs. J. Yates Killian. We miss her wise council and leadership. Shortly after her death, Mrs.

S. T. Gaddy was appointed Mrs. Killian's successor. She has done noble and heroic service and much of our success is due to her untiring efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. L. PUTNAM.

The report was adopted.

By motion, J. Y. Killian and M. T. Leatherman were unanimously elected members of the Executive Committee for three years.

MEMBERS OF CONVENTIONS

We, the committee to nominate delegates to conventions, submit the following:

To the Southern Baptist Convention, W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory.

To the State Convention, A. T. Howell, of Newton, and Osborne Brown, of Olivet.

Respectfully,
J. D. ELLIOTT, *for the Committee.*

By motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by R. Lee Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met at 1 o'clock. Pastor Kennedy of the Methodist church conducted the devotional services, after which the Moderator called the Association to order.

J. P. Penny read the following report for its writer:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Ministerial Relief, just a few years ago, was treated with indifference and unfriendliness in our associational meetings and conventions. But the friends of the old preachers kept struggling for recognition until now ministerial relief has justly and rightly taken its place in the denominational program. But now, while this can be said from a *theoretical* point of view, yet, even now, the cause of the old ministers does not *actually* fill the place it should have. While sentiment is rapidly growing in its favor, still, our great need is a deepening and strengthening of *conviction* which will produce in us a real sense of justice, and lead our Baptist people to do the square thing by our old and disabled servants. To bring this conviction, we need man information. The cause of ministerial relief should be emphasized more earnestly and frequently in the pulpit; taught in the Sunday School; be made a regular part of the B. Y. P. U. programs, and other organizations of the church, until its importance shall be duly recognized by the people.

It is gratifying for us to be able to report that this is being done in a greater way than ever before. A glance at the following figures will show some of the results of this man active subject: Four years ago, Southern Baptists were paying to five hundred beneficiaries $62,217.61. This year we are paying to nine hundred and twenty-five beneficiaries $113,322.15; almost doubling what we were doing four years ago.

Our immediate need now is a fixed annual income of $100,000 on the relief side of the work alone in addition to what the Board is now receiving. This will require an interest bearing fund of at least one and a half million dollars, of which we now have about five hundred thousand dollars including endowment and reserve.

We sincerely believe that without the work of the Relief and Annuity Board constantly enlarging and faithfully functioning the best prograss cannot come in building up the Kingdom of God.

Our aim, therefore, should be to inform and persuade our people, and assure our preachers, who faithfully give themselves to their ministry that they and their families will not be allowed to suffer in days of disability, or in their declining years. This will greatly add to their efficiency in service and the denomination and the cause of Christ Jesus our Lord will be the real beneficiary.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) H. N. ABERNETHY.

The report was discussed by J. P. Penny, I. M. Hildebrand, A. M. Harrill and Osborn Brown, and adopted.

The following report was read by C. A. Abernethy:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

While the great war on intemperance has by no means been fought to a successful close, the Christian forces may well rejoice in the progress made and the victories already won. More and more is the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicants being looked upon not only as detrimental to moral rightness, but also as detrimental to the social and civic welfare of communities, States and nation.

Notwithstanding the wonderful achievements in the cause of temperance, never possibly in all the history of the world has intemperance so asserted her powers and multiplied her forces as now.

Sentiment is the backbone of the law. Without it the law is weak and powerless. We must have sentiment that will place the violators of temperance law on the level with the violators of any other law. That we go to the courts and use our influence to see that the violators of the temperance laws are punished just as the violators of other laws. Until this is done we cannot hope for better results.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. ABERNETHY.

The report was discussed by Dr. R. T. Van and others, and adopted.

W. B. McClure read the following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

During the past year, our Association has been called upon to mourn the loss of 43 members, among them being two of our leading ministers—Revs. A. W. Setzer and J. F. Blackburn. Also, the Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary work—Mrs. J. Y. Killian. We recommend that half an hour be set apart for memorial service in remembrance of the above-named leaders. The following churches have lost members during the year:

Hickory First, 3; Bethel, 2; Newton First, 4; Denver, 1; Mt.

Ruhama, 4; Highland, 3; Maiden, 1; Reepsville, 4; Riverview, 1; West Hickory, 3; Macedonia, 5; Mountain View, 1; Lawings Chapel, 1; Mt. Zion, 2; Lincolnton First, 2; Penelope, 1; Olivet, 2; Salem, 2.

The report was discussed by W. R. Bradshaw, A. T. Howell, H. M. Croom, Mrs. J. A. Snow and Samuel Reep. The report was adopted. Song, "Shall We Meet Beyond the River."

The Committee on Program for next session submit the following:

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Thursday Morning

10:00 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.—Annual Sermon.
11:00 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.—Organization.
11:30 A. M. to 12:00 M. —Biblical Recorder.
12:00 M.—Adjournment.

Dinner

1:00 P. M. to 1:15 P. M.—Devotional.
1:15 P. M. to 1:45 P. M.—Orphanage.
1:45 P. M. to 2:15 P. M.—Woman's Work.
2:15 P. M. to 2:45 P. M.—Ministers' Relief.
2:45 P. M. to 3:15 P. M.—Sunday Schools.
3:15 P. M. to 3:45 P. M.—Temperance.
3:45 P. M. to 4:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous.
4:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

Night Session

7:30 P. M. to 7:45 P. M.—Devotional.
7:45 P. M. to 8:15 P. M.—B. Y. P. U.
8:15 P. M. to 8:45 P. M.—Christian Education.
8:45 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous.
9:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

Friday

9:00 A. M. to 9:15 A. M.—Devotional.
9:15 A. M. to 9:45 A. M.—Digest of Church Letters.
9:45 A. M. to 10:15 A. M.—State Missions.
10:15 A. M. to 10:45 A. M.—Home Missions.
10:45 A. M. to 11:15 A. M.—Foreign Missions.
11:15 A. M. to 11:45 A. M.—Report of Executive Committee.
11:45 A. M. to 12:00 M. —Miscellaneous.

Dinner

1:00 P. M. to 1:15 P. M.—Devotional.
1:15 P. M. to 1:45 P. M.—Obituaries.
1:45 P. M. to 2:00 P. M.—Miscellaneous.

Adjournment for the session.

J. H. BOGGS
OSBORNE BROWN
H. B. CHRONISTER
M. I. HARRIS
Committee.

J. D. Elliott presented the following:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, that the thanks of the South Fork Association assembled at Catawba Church, be tendered to the members of this

church and to the good people of Catawba for the kindnesses and hospitality shown us; and especially to the wonderfully efficient women for the magnificent dinners they have served us. We express our appreciation of the Christian spirit shown by the Methodist and Presbyterian brethren in helping to entertain this session of the Association. God bless them all.

J. D. ELLIOTT.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

By motion, the Clerk was authorized to have 600 copies of the minutes printed, and that he be paid $25 for his work.

There being no further business, the Association adjourned to meet with Penelope church on Thursday after the Fourth Sunday in September, 1924, at 10 a. m. Prayer by W. B. McClure.

J. A. SNOW, *Moderator.*
J. F. CLICK, *Clrek.*

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members, two from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. One from each section of the Association to serve one year, one from each section for two years, one from each section for three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of each session a Committee of three to nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at 10 a. m. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be: Meet at 9:00 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

THE W. M. U. MEETING

The fourth annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the South Fork Association was held in the Penelope Baptist church September the 6th, 1923, Mrs. S. T. Gaddy, Superintendent of the Association, presiding. The meeting was opened at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Garland Wilson conducted the devotional exercises. The meeting being opened with hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The address of welcome was made by Mrs. O. Joe Howard. Response by Mrs. J. A. Snow, of Lincolnton. Minutes for 1922 was read and approved. The roll of societies was called and each one was represented by a large delegation.

Report of Superintendent of South Fork Association is as follows:

Amount raised this year for 75 Million Campaign, $3,311.31; number churches in Association, 37; number societies, 34; members of society, 494; churches having missionary societies, 16; Y. W. A., 21; G. A., 3; R. A., 1; Sunbeams, 8. Report from various societies showed they had progressed along all lines and several new societies was organized.

Mrs. S. T. Gaddy gave us an interesting paper on "The Individual's Part in the Spread of the Kingdom," and the question was left with us what share are we as individuals, as societies, and as an association doing in winning the world to Christ.

Mrs. T. B. Henry, the Superintendent of the Charlotte division, made an earnest tolk on "Personal Responsibilities." At the conclusion of the address Miss Harrell rendered very sweetly a solo. Miss Mary Misenheimer gave us a beautiful talk of her life and of her plans to go to the foreign field. These young ladies were trained at the Thomasville orphanage and reflect credit upon that institution.

Mrs. Gaddy gave an interesting talk on the life of the girls, after which committees were appointed. Mrs. Harris dismissed with prayer for the dinner hour, and all partook of a bountiful luncheon which had been prepared by the Penelope ladies.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the Union reassembled and the devotional meeting was conducted by Mrs. A. J. Essex. Mrs. A. J. Wagner led the Scripture lesson. A brief survey of Boards was given by Mrs. Morris. Miss Blanche White, Woman's Missionary Field worker, was present and discussed the standard of excellence, and made a stirring address on Foreign Missions. It was a great inspiration to the Association to have Miss White and Mrs. Henry at the meeting.

Mrs. McLean gave an interesting talk on the "Training School." Mrs. H. C. Whitener led the personal service conference. Several societies giving thought on personal service that helped their societies, after which we had a solo by a Goodsonville Sunbeam. The Penelope Sunbeams gave a very enjoyable program and their leader, Miss Harris, deserves much credit.

The Association stood thanking Mrs. Henry, Mrs. White, Miss Mary Misenheimer and Sunbeams of Penelope for their inspiring addresses and program.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Time and Place—Olivet. Place—Time same as this year or to

be left with the superintendent.

MRS. M. S. HARRIS, *Chairman.*
MRS. T. V. LINEBERGER
MRS. W. A. HARRIS

We, the Committee on Nominations recommend for Superintendent, Mrs. S. T. Gaddy; Associate Superintendents, Mrs. A. T. Howell. Miss Alma Lineberger, Mrs. E. N. Carr. Secretary, Mrs. O. Joe Howell, Treasurer; Superintendent of Mission Study, Mrs. Parland Wilson. Junior Y. W. A. Superintendent, Miss Ruby Padgett. Personal Service Chairman, Miss Lillian Abernathy. Divisional Leader, Miss Bonnie Withers.

Resolutions. We, the Committee on Resolutions, in behalf of W. M. U. of the South Fork Association wish to thank the Penelope church for their gracious hospitality, their Sunbeam Band for the interesting program rendered and wish to express our thanks to Mrs. T. B. Henry of Charlotte, Miss Blanche White, our Foreign Field Workers, for their inspiring messages.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. R. BRADSHAW, *Chairman.*

A memorial service for our former beloved Superintendent, Mrs. J. Y. Killian, was conducted by Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw. Many of those present testified to her beautiful Christian life and her wonderful work as a leader in our midst. The Association lost two of their best last year, Mrs. J. Y. Killian and Mrs. Hicks, of West Hickory, a wonderful type of Christian character .

The Association adjourned with prayer by Mr. H. C. Whitener to meet with the Olivet Baptist church, Sept. 6, 1924

MRS. S. T. GADDY, *Supt.*
MRS. E. N. CARR, *Sec.*

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it hath pleased our Heavenly Father to call from us, to her reward in Heaven, on December ——, 1922, our beloved Superintendent of the South Fork Association, Mrs. J. Y. Killian.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.
2. That while we shall ever miss her sweet counsel as leader and friend, we desire to express our deep sense of loss and appreciation of such a faithful and consecrated worker.
3. That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family, especially the husband and little daughter, and commend all to the care and keeping of her Savior, and pray that all may strive to emulate her as a Christian.
4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and published in the Biblical Recorder, and in the Minutes of the Association.

MRS. W. R. BRADSHAW,
MRS. J. L. LEACH
MRS. MISENHEIMER
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, after only a few days of illness God removed from our midst our beloved and esteemed sister, Mrs. W. G. Hicks, Presi-

dent of the Woman's Missionary Society of the West Hickory Baptist Church.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we bow in submission to the will of our Father, knowing that He never makes a mistake.

2. That in the death of our Sister we feel that the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Fork Association has lost a most faithful and tireless worker.

3. That we extend to the family our tender sympathy and commend them to Him whom she served so well.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and the Biblical Recorder for publication, and published in the Minutes of the Association.

MRS. W. R. BRADSHAW
MRS. J. L. LEACH
MRS. MISENHEIMER
Committee.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Sundays of Preaching	Gains By			Loss By			Total Membership
		Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death	
Antioch	2		4					27
Bethel	1		4		10		2	65
Brookford	Every		10		5		2	144
Catawba	1, 3	10	11		1		1	121
Cedar Grove	2, 4				3			54
Centerview	1, 3	17	2		2			89
Corinth	4	12			5		5	158
Denver	4						1	23
Faith	2, 4		1		2			27
Gainsville	2, 4	22	26	4				52
Goodsonville	2, 4	4	36					95
Hickory First	Every	6	33	2	34	2	3	605
Highland	Every	28	36	4	23	1	3	226
Kids Chapel	3		1					25
Lawings Chapel	3, 1 Sat.	1		1	10		1	138
Leonards Fork	4	5			4	1		76
Lincolnton First	Every	26	10	1	14		1	270
Lincolnton Avenue	2, 4	15	12	1	11	4	1	118
Macedonia	1	7	2		17		5	226
Maiden	Every	4	30	1	22		1	366
Mountain Grove	2, 4	15	1		1		1	92
Mount Ruhama	1, 3	6	6	5	13	2	4	185
Mount Vernon	4		1					85
Mountain View	3	7	2	4	2		1	90
Mount Zion	1, 3	14			5		1	130
Newton First	Every	1	12	1	19		4	227
North Newton	Every	47	23	2				98
Olivet	2, 4	9	4		12		2	156
Penelope	Every	22	11		6		1	218
Piney Grove	1, 3							50
Providence	3	10	2	1	2	4		120
Reepsville		10	1	2		1		57
Riverview	2, 4	5	15		24		1	120
Salem	3	4	6	2	9	2	2	73
Sharon	1	5			5			74
Warlick's	1	9	2		2		1	68
Webb's Chapel	1, 3	5	1		10			46
West Hickory	Every	36	13	1	14	5	3	187
Totals		362	318	32	287	22	47	4,981

Ne letter reported from Alexis.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, ETC.

CHURCH	When Organized	PASTORS	Seating Capacity	Value of Church Property	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHURCH CLERKS
Antioch	1923	C. A. Abernethy	----	$ 800.00	Fannie Bolick, Lincolnton, R. 4.
Bethal	1895	H. B. Chronister	----	1,000.00	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton, N. C.
Brookford	1907	J. H. Boogs	400	3,000.00	R. C. Simpson, Brookford, N. C.
Catawba	1874	R. Lee Davis	400	5,000.00	C. W. Ervin, Catawba, N. C.
Cedar Grove	1902	B. H. Laughridge	300	1,000.00	Clyde Michael, Newton, N. C.
Centerview	1915	B. H. Laughridge	400	2,500.00	J. F. Hovis, Lincolnton, R. F. D.
Corinth	1855	H. B. Chronister	500	1,500.00	C. O. Ritchey, Henry, R. 2.
Denver	1914	J. P. Bennett	----	2,500.00	H. N. Abernethy, Denver, N. C.
Faith	1905	W. E. Bost	300	1,200.00	B. C. Ballard, Iron Station, N. C.
Gainsville	1923	L. A. Bangle	----	1,000.00	Ellen Tutherow, Crouse, N. C.
Goodsonville	1922	C. A. Abernethy	300	2,000.00	W. H. Lingerfelt, Lincolnton, N. C.
Hickory First	1870	W. R. Bradshaw	800	60,000.00	Edgar L. Fox, Hickory, N. C.
Highland	1912	H. C. Whitener	400	8,000.00	Walter Duncan, Hickory, N. C.
Kidds Chapel	1872	B. H. Laughridge	300	1,500.00	W. A. Poole, Iron Station, R. 1.
Lawings Chapel	1907	W. B. McClure	300	1,000.00	Samuel Bandy, Lincolnton, R. 4.
Leonards Fork	1884	Deceased	300	500.00	J. W. Hoover, Crouse, N. C.
Lincolnton First	1859	J. A. Snow	600	65,000.00	W. E. Padgett, Lincolnton, N. C.
Lincolnton Avenue	1910	B. H. Laughridge	400	1,800.00	Robert Lippard, Lincolnton, N. C.
Macedonia	1886	W. B. McClure	550	9,000.00	W. W. Lawing, Lincolnton, R. 3.
Maiden	1891	W. W. Rimmer	400	9,000.00	T. H. Caldwell, Maiden, N. C.
Mountain Grove	1881	Lee J. Jones	300	4,000.00	G. F. Huffman, Hickory, R .1.
Mount Ruhama	1816	J. P. Bennett	500	2,500.00	Glenn Abernethy, Newton, R. 2.
Mount Vernon	1850	L. C. Douthit	500	1,200.00	J. Z. Houser, Henry, N. C.
Mountain View	1853	W. B. McClure	250	800.00	M. O. Gilleland, Maiden, N. C.
Mount Zion	1869	B. H. Laughridge	400	2,000.00	M. J. Hager, Alexis, N. C.
Newton First	1882	A. T. Harwell	800	25,000.00	Ben Wood, Newton, N. C.
North Newton	1921	J. N. Dills	----	4,500.00	Miss Daisy Whisnant, Newton, N. C.
Olivet	1837	J. N. Dills	500	4,000.00	J. T. Ervin, Catawba, N. C.
Penelope	1888	M. I. Harris	300	2,500.00	C. C. Kees, Hickory, R. 4.
Piney Grove	1904	J. P. Bennett	350	600.00	Lee Setzer, Newton, R. 2.
Providence	1878	Lee J. Jones	200	1,200.00	G. P. Young, Hickory, R. 5.
Reepsville	1899	P. W. Bangle	250	1,000.00	Dan Helms, Reepsville, N. C.
River View	1897	Deceased	800	7,000.00	M. P. Beal, Lincolnton, R. 5.
Salem	1849	C. A. Abernethy	400	2,000.00	C. F. Clanton, Lincolnton, N. C.
Sharon	1884	W. B. McClure	500	800.00	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station, N. C.
Warlicks	1875	H. B. Chronister	700	1,500.00	E. T. Berry, Icard, N. C.
Webbs	1892		250	1,300.00	F. B. Carpenter, Lincolnton, R. 5.
West Hickory	1907	H. R. Freeman	500	6,000.00	J. R. Pierce, West Hickory, N. C.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Expenses by S. S., B. Y. P. U., Etc.	Incidental	Local Poor	Minute Printing	Other Items	Totals
Antioch	$ 38.83			$ 526.00				$ 1.00		$ 565.83
Bethel	165.00				$ 24.44	$ 80.90		2.50		272.84
Brookford	780.00	$ 15.00	$ 50.00	$ 90.00	302.35		140.00	2.00		1,377.35
Catawba	279.65				96.79	44.90		3.00	$ 40.00	464.37
Cedar Grove	95.80		25.65		7.00			1.00		129.45
Centerview	180.00	39.28	140.71					1.35	6.00	367.34
Corinth	200.00				15.00			1.10		216.10
Denver	100.00			25.00				1.00		126.00
Faith	51.40							.50		51.90
Gainsville	200.00			200.00	20.00			1.00		421.00
Goodsonville	309.00		84.00	50.00	83.00	25.00	98.30	6.00		655.30
Hickory First	2,900.00	480.00		736.16	1,371.22	580.18	140.00	15.00	853.55	7,076.11
Highland	1,480.32	60.55	76.26	2,440.83	385.78	184.80	14.66	7.00	35.25	4,685.44
Kids Chapel	75.00				10.00	12.00		1.05		98.05
Lawings Chapel	200.00		29.95		83.02	25.45		2.00		340.42
Leonards Fork	300.00					15.00		1.00		316.00
Lincolnton First	1,857.90			3,348.58	173.98	1,632.29		6.00		7,018.75
Lincolnton Avenue	600.00	24.00	90.35	3.50	94.46	22.00	52.70	3.00	197.20	1,087.21
Macedonia	200.38		60.00		11.31			2.30		273.99
Maiden	1,385.00	170.09	65.15	1,859.57	563.59	335.28	62.50	10.00	131.78	4,582.96
Mountain Grove	300.00		71.00	88.11		91.00		1.20		551.31
Mount Ruhama	444.67			8.00	41.73	78.25	115.00	3.50		691.15
Mount Vernon	300.00				35.00					335.00
Mountain View	160.00				28.00			3.50		191.00
Mount Zion	224.42		53.65	61.48	25.25	2.70		1.00	17.50	386.00
Newton First	1,500.00		10.00	900.00	115.00	370.00		5.00		2,900.00
North Newton	800.00	9.00		1,500.00		250.00	30.00	2.00	1.00	2,592.00
Olivet	700.00		60.00	616.59	147.46	113.00	20.00	3.00		1,659.95
Penelope	1,286.82		124.71	624.30	44.93	13.00	15.00	5.00		2,113.76
Piney Grove	150.00				6.00	8.00		.75		164.75
Providence	190.00		57.50	20.00	20.00	45.50		1.50		334.50
Reepsville	50.00									50.00
River View	800.00	30.25		947.00	120.26	25.00	145.50	3.00		2,051.01
Salem	201.52		40.00		33.09	28.55				303.07
Sharon	75.00		22.00	81.85	9.95			.50		189.30
Warlick's	168.00		46.50	27.00	68.00		15.00	1.15		325.65
Webb's Chapel	61.30	10.00		300.00	10.61	2.00		1.00		384.91
West Hickory	1,000.00	60.00		95.39	270.29	90.13		5.00	351.18	1,871.99
Totals	$19,810.01	$898.17	$1,107.42	$14,549.36	$2,242.42	$4 074.93	$848.66	$104.90	$1,633.46	$45,269.33

BENEVOLENCES

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Christian Education	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	75 Million Undesignated	Other Objects	Total
Bethel	$ 42.75	$ 27.30	------	-----	$ 26.11	-----	-------	------	$ 96.16
Brookford	------	22.75	------	-----	33.35	-----	118.86	------	174.96
Catawba	11.03	4.95	13.66	-----	115.00	-----	327.79	------	472.43
Cedar Grove	------	------	------	-----	17.50	-----	10.80	------	28.30
Centerview	------	------	------	-----	-------	-----	102.11	------	102.11
Corinth	5.70	20.00	10.00	-----	11.00	5.00	-------	------	51.70
Denver	------	------	------	-----	-------	-----	21.00	------	21.00
Faith	2.00	------	1.00	-----	-------	-----	-------	------	3.00
Gainsville	------	8.00	------	-----	-------	-----	4.25	------	12.25
Goodsonville	------	------	------	-----	10.50	-----	25.13	20.54	57.17
Hickory First	------	------	------	50.00	714.00	-----	2,843.81	324.50	3,932.31
Highland	------	------	------	-----	183.35	-----	462.61	------	645.96
Kids Chapel	7.00	7.00	7.00	-----	25.00	-----	-------	------	46.00
Lawings Chapel	------	------	------	-----	-------	-----	35.75	24.19	59.94
Leonards Fork	------	------	------	-----	-------	-----	130.65	------	130.65
Lincolnton First	------	106.50	------	-----	117.79	-----	82.00	63.67	369.96
Lincolnton Avenue	------	15.08	46.50	-----	48.15	-----	26.42	27.08	163.23
Macedonia	1.70	3.00	3.00	-----	5.00	5.00	-------	------	17.70
Maiden	------	------	------	-----	15.00	-----	72.24	------	87.24
Mountain Grove	------	------	------	-----	-------	-----	168.10	------	168.10
Mount Ruhama	------	------	------	-----	37.56	-----	-------	27.72	65.28
Mount Vernon	------	------	------	-----	-------	-----	40.00	7.00	47.00
Mountain View	------	------	4.60	-----	-------	-----	-------	------	4.60
Mount Zion	10.00	7.35	10.00	1.00	64.23	-----	25.00	------	127.58
Newton First	------	------	------	-----	220.00	-----	265.40	80.00	565.40
Newton North	------	------	------	-----	2.70	2.42	34.81	10.56	50.49
Penelope	------	------	------	-----	-------	-----	255.34	------	255.34
Piney Grove	------	------	------	-----	-------	-----	15.15	------	15.15
Providence	------	------	------	-----	33.31	-----	-------	------	33.31
River View	------	15.25	2.00	18.00	159.50	-----	-------	5.00	197.75
Salem	4.50	4.65	4.65	-----	12.20	-----	-------	9.50	35.50
Sharon	------	------	------	-----	-------	-----	20.00	------	20.00
Warlicks	------	------	------	-----	-------	-----	-------	36.00	36.00
Webbs Chapel	6.35	------	8.77	-----	15.00	-----	-------	------	20.12
West Hickory	22.80	11.50	20.50	-----	30.09	-----	394.74	12.91	492.54
Totals	$113.83	$253.33	$130.68	$69.00	$1,896.34	$12.42	$5,481.96	$648.67	$8,606.23

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Officers and Teachers	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Senior-Adult	Home Dept.	Total in School	Amount Raised by School
Bethel	W. B. Mullen, Lincolnton	8	15	14	25	23	13	----	98	65.82
Brookford	O. T. Jackson, Brookford	15	----	----	----	----	----	----	145	335.35
Catawba	Miss Nettie B. Wike, Catawba	6	8	7	10	11	9	----	51	41.08
Cedar Grove	John Beard, Newton	6	6	6	10	13	14	----	55	7.00
Centerview	W. M. Turbyfill, Maiden	10	----	----	----	----	----	----	110	147.39
Corinth	R. P. Havner, Hickory, R. 1	7	27	----	14	30	32	----	110	----
Gainsville	W. P. Martin, Lincolnton, R. 1	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	80	----
Goodsonville	W. H. Lingerfelt, Lincolnton	7	----	----	----	----	----	----	107	10.50
Hickory First	Thos. Pruitt, Hickory	32	40	63	90	75	186	45	531	1,371.22
Highland	A. T. Fox, Hickory	15	29	44	46	40	141	36	351	443.81
Kids Chapel	W. A. Poole, Iron Station	5	15	----	4	7	8	----	39	10.00
Lawings Chapel	Lewis Keener, Lincolnton, R. 4	12	11	25	10	12	17	----	85	92.06
Leonards Fork	C. H. Heafner, Crouse	4	----	7	4	8	6	----	27	----
Lincolnton First	J. O. Allen, Lincolnton	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	226	----
Lincolnton Ave.	Ira A. Hallman, Lincolnton	10	----	----	----	----	----	----	190	276.76
Macedonia	W. A. Potts, Lincolnton, R. 3	6	17	17	----	----	55	----	95	6.34
Maiden	J. W. Williams, Maiden	14	----	----	----	----	----	----	375	563.59
Mountain Grove	C. S. Eckard, Hickory, R. 1	7	----	22	16	12	41	----	98	88.11
Mount Ruhama	Fred Caldwell, Maiden, 1	10	----	----	----	----	----	----	142	21.92
Mount Vernon	R. A. Carpenter, Cleveland Mills, R. 1	6	----	----	----	----	----	----	38	----
Mountain View	W. W. Macie, Maiden	7	----	----	----	----	----	----	115	----
Mount Zion	L. H. Hilderman, Alexis	7	----	----	----	----	----	----	96	89.43
Newton First	J. F. Huitt, Newton	13	22	14	15	27	83	----	174	335.06
North Newton	C. J. Stewart Newton	10	21	23	6	41	11	----	112	161.93
Olivet	Osborne Brown, Long Island	14	24	21	27	19	64	----	169	147.46
Piney Grove	E. F. Barker, Claremont, R. 1	6	----	10	12	12	16	----	56	----
Providence	Geo. P. Young, Hickory, R. 5	5	----	15	10	4	6	----	40	----
Reepsville	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	50	----
River View	A. M. Harless, Lincolnton	10	50	----	32	34	70	----	210	----
Salem	C. F. Clanton, Lincolnton	----	10	19	8	16	12	----	56	18.48
Sharon	----	4	----	----	----	----	----	----	61	9.95
Warlicks	Berry Berry, Icard	7	7	35	25	15	10	----	85	----
Webbs Chapel	S. O. Murphy, Lincolnton, R. 5	5	3	10	----	8	20	----	46	----
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy, West Hickory	11	40	60	40	75	65	----	280	179.63
	Totals	284	338	412	402	482	849	71	4403	$4,502.83

Four Churches reported no Sunday School.

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J. F. Click, Clerk, Hickory, N. C.
S. T. Gaddy, Treasurer, Newton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1 Year)	(2 Years)	(3 Years)
H. N. Abernethy	W. T. Leatherman	J. L. Patterson
J. D. Elliott	J. Y. Killian	L. L. Hatfield

PASTORS

C. A. Abernethy, Lincolnton, R-3
L. A. Bangle, Lincolnton
P. W. Bangle, Lincolnton,
C. D. Barton, Hickory
J. H. Boggs, Brookford
W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory
W. S. Brown, Cherryville
W. J. Bryson, Newton
B. H. Chronister, Icard
R. Lee Davis, Statesville
M. I. Harris, Hickory, R-4
Lee J. Jones, Marion, N. C.
B. H. Laughridge, Lincolnton
W. B. McClure, Alexis
W. W. Rimmer, Maiden
T. H. Roach, Lincolnton
C. M. Robinson, Catawba
T. C. Singleton, Newton
Eph Whisenhunt, Lincolnton
C. H. Whitener, Hickory.

PREACHERS NOT PASTORS

Ed Bost, Lincolnton
E. J. Caldwell, Wake Forest
H. M. Croom, Hickory
John Crouch, Hickory
Paul Drum, Maiden
W. M. Francum, Boone
I. M. Hildebrand, Hickory, R-4
J. B. Pruitt, Hickory
E. S. Whisnant, Lincolnton
Geo. P. Young, Hickory, R-5.

PROCEEDINGS

South Fork Association met in its forty-sixth annual session with Penelope Church, Thursday, October 2, 1924 at 10 o'clock A. M.

W. W. Rimmer led the song service. After the song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," prayer, W. R. Bradshaw leading.

After another song, "He Leadeth Me," the annual sermon was preached by C. M. Robinson, Subject: "Life." Text, 1 Tim. 4:8. It was a practical, timely sermon.

After prayer, T. C. Singleton leading, the Moderator, J. A. Snow called the Association to order. The roll of churches were called.

All the churches except five, and the delegates present together with the five that came later, were enrolled as follows:

Antioch—G. A. Bolick.

Bethel—B. F. Wilson, Buren Wilson, E. D. Grigg, W. C. Mullen.

Brookford—J. H. Boggs, Mrs. W. T. Stevenson, C. P. Ewards and Misses Dora Bright and Fannie Crouch.

Catawba—H. D. Ervin, N. A. Pope, John Danner and Miss Edna Danner.

Cedar Grove—M. C. Parnell, and Miss Emma Parnell.

Central View—Walter Laney, S. P. Beal and S. O. Hovis.

Corinth—C. T. Huffman, Dink Propst, William Whisnant and George Whitworth.

Gainsville—W. P. Martin, F. P. Proctor T. C. Cunningham and T. P. Spake.

Goodsonville—J. N. Canipe, and B. M. Smith.

Hickory First—C. W. Ellington, J .R. Hosley, J. .F. Click and L. L. Hatfield.

Highland—A. E. Croom, A. T. Fox, E. M. Suggs, H. C. Whitener and Mrs. T. S. McGalliard.

Kidds Chapel—D. A. Poole.

Lawings Chapel—E. S. Whisnant, G. S. Whisnant, W. H. Caldwell and Samuel Bandy.

Leonards Fork—J. W. Hoover, T. J. Hoover, Mrs. J. W. Hoover, and L. N. Heavner.

Lincolnton First—L. V. Padgett, Miss Ruby Padgett, Mrs. G. W. Tobey M. T. Leatherman, H. M. Hoyle.

Lincolnton Ave—Reece Mull, Ruth Eavry, and Mrs. McGee.

Macedonia—J. B. Ewing, W. F. Lee, and N. P. Williams.

Maiden—Albert Campbell, Isaac Williams, Mrs. Isaac Williams, Mrs. S. M. Wilkinson and J. W. Williams.

Mountain Grove—Calvin Baker, J. B. Rockett, Raymon Huffman, A. M. Huffman and Mrs. Harry Fry.

Mount Ruhama—Fred Caldwell, W. M. Caldwell, S. M. Abernethy and Robert Drum.

Mountain View—W. W. Moore and D. H. Galliland.

Mount Zion—L. A. McClure, H. B. Jones, L. H. Helderman, and J. F. Helderman.

Newton—A. L. Ervin, C. D. Drum, B. B. Burris, S. T. Gaddy

and J. Y. Killian.

North Newton—J. H. Stewart, Miss Lillian Whisnant, Mrs. B. M. Burk and W. J. Bryson.

Olivet—J. T. Ervin, Osborne Brown, W. W. Ervin and C. M. Robinson.

Penelope—W. I. Parsons, J. M. Lingerfelt, J. M. Herman, F. A. Lock, I. M. Hildebran and J. A. Walker.

Piney Grove—J. P. Abernethy and Lee Setzer.

Providence—D. W. Brittain, W. F. Huffman and Robert Herman.

Reepsville—John Helms, Thomas Helms, Charlie Sronce and Kenly Sronce.

River Vew—E. C. Allran and E. L. Johnson.

Roseland—T. H. Roach and C. D. Weaver.

Salem—John R. Avery, A. C. Lewis and J. D. Baker.

Sharon—L. A. Abernethy, Sam Dellinger and Parris Hallman.

Warlick Chapel—J. D. Knox, Mrs. Earl Berry, Mrs. L. J. Berry and Mrs. E. S. Glass.

Webbs Chapel—F. B. Carpenter, Mrs. F. B. Carpenter, S. O. Murphy and Miss Carrie Murphy.

West Hickory—J. R. Pierce, Mrs. J. R. Pierce and Mrs. M. A. Burch.

Three churches—Denver, Faith and Mount Vernon were not present by letter or delegates..

By motion, the Association proceeded to elect officers for this session and ensuing year.

The following were elected: Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice Moderator, L. V. Padgett; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, S. T. Gaddy.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed: G. T. Lumpkin, O. E. Ward, J. A. Snow, of Pilot Mountain Association; Paul Drum and J. L. Teague of Caldwell Association; C. A. Lineberger of Catawba River Association; J. A. Hackney of Morganton; and R. G. Short. of Concord.

The delegates from the Woman's Missionary Association were also recognized and welcomed: Miss Alma Lineberger and Mrs. J. T. McLean, of Lincolnton; and Mrs. T. C. Singleton, of Newton.

As the report on Periodicals not being ready, G. T. Lumpkin was asked to tell about the Baptist Hospital, its work and its claims on the denomination, which he did effectively.

The Moderator appointed the following special committees.

To Audit Treasurer's Books—W. W. Ervin.

On Place and Preacher for Next Session—J. Y. Killian, H. C. Whitener and Eph Whisenhunt..

To Nominate Two Members of the Executive Committee—T. P. Pruitt, C. D. Drum and Mack Caldwell.

By motion, G. T. Lumpkin was asked to give a synoptic report of the Baptist Hospital, which he did as follows:

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Hospital is our youngest institution.. It is located in Winston-Salem, N. C., and began operation June 1st, 1923.

It is a five-story brick building, containing 106 beds. operating,

X-Ray, Laboratory rooms and other facilities for medical and surgical treatment. We have ten acres of land in the corporate limits of the city, and all the property cost about $290,000.00.

We have had in the first 15 months about 2,000 patients and about 300 of those were charity patients. The charity work has cost to date about $8,000.00. We are now using 85 of the 106 beds for patients; the others are used for the nurses.

We have a Nurses Training School and 24 pupils are already enrolled. This year the indications are that we shall have at least 2,500 patients. We beg your prayer, your cooperation and your sympathy.

After a song, and a prayer, G. T. Lumpkin leading, the Association adjourned for dinner which was served on the grounds, and was fine and full.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled. After song: "This is my story," J. H. Boggs read and made brief comment on John 12:14. Prayer by A. C. Hamby.

After a song, "There is a Fountain," and prayer by Eph Whisenhunt, the Moderator called the Association to order.

T. P. Pruitt made a motion that at the opening of the night session, 20 minutes be given the Young Business and Professional Club of the First Baptist Church of Hickory in which to render the Missionary Pageant, "Spirit of Christ."

The motion carried, and it was so ordered.

The following visitors were recognized: Archibald Johnson of Thomasville; A. C. Hamby, of Mayesville; and S. A. Stroup of Green River Associaton.

The Moderator appoints two committees to make nominations as follows:

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—W. R. Bradshaw, A. L. Ervin and M. I. Harris.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—T. C. Singleton, H. C. Whitener and W. W. Ervin.

A. M. Harrill read the following report:

THOMASVILLE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Our Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, is a living monument to the denomination. It reaches from the mountains to the sea and is with us to stay.

It was organized at a convention held in the First Baptist Church at Raleigh in 1885, under the great and wise leadership of John Haynes Mills, who laid the foundation and who has finished his work and gone to receive his eternal reward, with many stars in his crown. Then J. B. Boone succeeded him to carry on the work. He did a noble work, serving about 10 years.

Since that time it has opened its doors to 2,236 fatherless and motherless children. It has educated and prepared 1,686 children who have gone out to assume the duties of life. Leaving 460 at Thomasville and 90 at the Kennedy Home. Total number helped by the Orphanage 915. The monthly cost per child is $24.00; annual cost per child, $290.00, and daily cost for 550 children, $442.00. It takes around $175,000 a year to run the Orphanage

not including new buildings and improvements. With all this they still cry and knock at our doors for admittance. There was 700 turned away last year on account of insufficient room and means.

We have a wise and noble Board of Trustees who handles the business of the Orphanage successfully. In connection with the Trustees, we have the Superintendent, Dr. M. L. Kesler, whose equal would be hard to find. He has added the Mother's Aid plan which cares for so many which couldn't be done otherwise with so little cost, and in the marvelous way in which he handles the business. He does it not only to his own satisfaction but to the satisfaction of the whole denomination.

Its own resources goes a long way to its support. It has a large farm. Vegetables of all kinds, dairying, pork and large profits from the Printing Office, Shoe Shop and Laundry, all of which amounts to about $59,000 of its own resources. We can open our eyes and see what has been done and what is yet to be done. In what way can we make a more noble investment than in giving it to the Orphanage? When we do this we make a two-fold gift: First, To the fatherless and motherless children; Second, In the making of Baptist men and women. If we only carry out the plans which we now have through the churches and contributing one Sunday of each month through the Sunday School and the great Thanksgiving offering, amountng to one day's work as the Lord has prospered us. This has become the main source of the income of the Orphanage.

We are asking you to put Charity and Children in your Sunday School and in every Baptist Home in the associaton. You cannot estimate the value of fruit it will bring in the future. It is edited by one of the best editors in the State—Archibald Johnson.

Respecfully submitted,
A. M. HARRILL

The report was discussed by A. M. Harrill and Archibald Johnson, and adopted.

Miss Alma Lineberger read the following report:

WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention was organized in 1886. At that time, only a few of our churches had Woman's Missionary Societies and the first meeting of the delegates was small. But the next year more societies had been formed and there were more delegates to go to the meeting; and the next year, still more. God has blessed these societies, and now there are over 1,600 for women and children in the state.

The purpose of this organization is to stimulate a mission spirit in the women and children of this state, through prayer, and increased knowledge of the Bible, study of missions, the grace of giving, and some form of service for the needy in every community.

There are 56 associations in the state with efficient Woman's Missionary Union organizations in all of them.

In our own South Fork Association we have 37 churches with 31 Missionary Societies and Auxiliaries. There are 16 churches without an organization for the women and children. We ask the

prayers and co-operation of our pastors and their helpers in our efforts to organize societies in all of these churches. This year there were only five new societies organized. Much interest is shown along this line by some of the churches but many of them are not enlisted. May we not have at least one Missionary society or auxiliary in every church in the association by the time of our next Associational meeting?

The amount allotted to the women of the South Fork Association for the seventy-five million campaign was $15,451.90. During the first four years of the campaign our gifts amounted to $14,917.44. This year we raised $3,232.31, making a total for the five years of $18,149.75. We are glad to be able to boast of the fact that we raised $2,697.85 above our quota.

Our annual meeting was held with the Olivet church on September 19th with almost every Missionary Society and Auxiliary in the association represented. We were glad to have with us Mrs. W. N. Jones, presidnt of the W. M. U. of North Carolina.

A short while after our annual meeting last year our beloved superintendent, Mrs. S. T. Gaddy, was taken from us. Her wise leadership has been sorely missed during the past year.. Mrs. A. T. Howell took her place and carried the work successfully on.

Respectfully submitted,
ALMA LINEBERGER.

The report was discussed by T. C. Singleton, H. C. Whitener and its President, Mrs. T. C. Singleton, and adopted.

The Sunday School report was not ready, but by consent, Sunday Schools were discussed by T. P. Pruitt and H. C. Whitener. The report to be adopted when brought in and read later.

J. Y. Killian submitted the following:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTE REPORT

The executive committee of the South Fork Association met at the call of the chairman at Newton on November 24th, 1924. The meeting was called to order by J. Y. Killian, Chairman. Rev. M. I. Harris led in prayer.

The committee was organized for the year by re-electing J. Y. Killian as chairman, J. D. Elliott, vice chairman and S. T Gaddy as secretary and treasurer

Applications for aid from the State Mission Board were received from churches as follows: Highland, Windy City Mission, North Newton, Penelope, Long Shoals and Denver. After due consideration and investigation, it was ordered to make the following recommendations to the State Mission Board for aid:

Highland	$175.00
Windy City Mission	50.00
North Newton	250.00
Penelope	125.00
Long Shoals	72.00
Denver	150.00
Total	$822.00

The recommendation for Denver was conditioned on the understanding that they were to have services twice each month and raise as much as $150.00 pastor's salary themselves.

During the summer, Miss Mary Misenheimer, a member of the Newton First Church made application for the Meredith scholarship. There being no other application filed, the matter was taken up with the members of the committee by telephone and all agreed to award the scholarship to Miss Misenheimer this year. She is now at Meredith and is preparing herself for the Foreign fields.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN, Chairman.

S. T. Gaddy submitted the following:

SECRETARY-TREASURER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Receipts for Year:

Interest on Costner Notes	$ 60.00
Interest on Costner Notes	2.25
One Costner Note Paid	500.00
Interest on One Costner Note	10.00
One Costner Note Paid	500.00
Interest from Fidelity Hosiery Mills	24.00
Interest from Claremont Hosiery Mills	26.00
Interest from Maiden Graded School	63.00
One Note Paid Maiden Graded School	100.00
	$1,285.25

Disbursements For Year:

Loan to Fidelity Hosiery Mills Co.	$ 562.25
Loan to Claremont Hosiery Mills Co.	500.00
Meredith Scholarship—Miss Martin	150.00
Balance Shuford National Bank	73.00
	$1,285.25

Funds Invested:

Maiden Graded School Notes	$600.00
Fidelity Hosiery Mills Co. Notes	962.25
Claremont Hosiery Mills Co. Notes	1141.56
Shuford National Bank	73.00
Total Investments	$2,776.81
Accrued Interest on Notes Oct. 1, 1924	92.69
	$2,869.50

Respectfully submitted,
S. F. GADDY, Sec-Treas. Ex. Com.

The two reports were adopted.

L. V. Padgett read the following report:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We are admonished to be temperate in all things, which all will agree is sound, but in dealing with temperance our reference is to temperance in the use of whisky, intoxicants.

In this day of enlightenment a church member or non-church member who uses whiskey is looked upon as a mental cripple in the business world, in the church the church member who imbibes

is an ingrate and stumbling block to kingdom building. The liquor drinker is not considered in the present day scheme of things, any more than is the bar on the corner which has given way to the bank.. Such sentiment against the use of whiskey has developed in recent years that its use is condemned not only by preachers and church members, but by industrial captains, and public officials in every part of this nation. The navy and army considers sobriety essential to efficiency in a scrap. In the late war the secretary of the navy, Josephus Daniels, a native Tar Heel, sobered the navy before he undertook the fight; foreign governments prohibited whiskey drinking during the war crisis.

It seems that a kind providence intervened in putting it in the hearts of Americans to put whiskey out of the way before the arrival of the automobile. Every court, every citizen worthy of the name, opposes the use of whiskey by those operating automobiles. True there is whiskey to be had if you know the ropes, but few Christians know or care to know the ropes, they on the other hand more than ever before condemn booze using.

Despite the bootlegger the amount of whiskey consumed is growing smaller, and the sentiment against its sale and use is nearer unanimous than ever before and every true Christian rejoices in that fact.

If we were commissioned to destroy the human race in this modern age it seems to us our best line of attack would be to put and keep there a jug of pure whiskey in every home and an automobile in every shed in the land, and if the job was not complete in less than 25 years we would resign the job if we survived the ordeal, but you know there are still some who want legalized booze to come back, despite the fact that American people have prospered wonderfully under temperate laws..

Were it not for temperance would there be found in almost every home an automobile, would all of the handsome church buildings gone up all over this state, would we have all of the new school houses, new colleges, better teachers, better men and women, as a result of these things. Even our 75-millions for the Master's cause was delayed until legalized booze slept. We never thought of good roads until after booze was dethroned.

We of this generation are reaping the benefits of the efforts of those old pioneer Soldiers of the Cross—heroes would be a better name for them, who raised their voices against alcohol, and blazed the way. This generation of Christian men and women need occasionally to look back in the dim past and make comparison of them and now, and well may we count our blessings. To my mind one of the great duties of a present day Christian is to not only stand with and encourage the courts and officials in the enforcement of the prohibition law, but all laws, and to set an example in law observance. There never was a time when as many people as now think the law was made for the other fellow.

J. T. PERKINS.

Th report was discussed by J. B. Pruitt, A. M. Harrill, J. H. Boggs and others, and was adopted.

The following report as audited was read and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT

(Receipts—September 28, 1923.)

Balance in Treasury (From year 1922)	$ 7.75
Minute Funds	102.40
State Missions	4.65
Home Missions	4.65
75-Million Funds	64.70
Orphanage	3.43
Total Receipts	$187.58
Disbursements:	
J. F. Click Salary	$ 25.00
J. F. Click, For Minutes	70.00
J. F. Click, For Postage	3.00
Walter Durham, State Missions	4.65
Walter Durham, Home Missions	4.65
Walter Durham, 75-Million Fund	64.70
F. B. Hamrick, Treasurer Orphanage	3.43
Total Disbursements	$175.43
Balance in Treasury (Dep. Shuford Nat. Bank)	$12.15

J. Y. Killian, Treasurer.

We your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account have done so and find the same correct.

W. W. ERVIN.

The following reports were read and adopted:

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Your committee, appointed to nominate a delegate and alternate to the Southern Baptist Convention, nominates for delegate, Osborne Brown; alternate, Eph Whisenhunt.

T. C. SINGLETON,
H. C. WHITENER,
W. W. ERVIN,
Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee to nominate two members of the Executive Committee for three years, names the following: J. L. Patterson and L. L. Hatfield.

T. P. PRUITT,
C. D. DRUM,
MACK CALDWELL,
Committee.

The committee on hospitality read out the homes for the delegates over night.

After the song: "On Jordan Stormy Banks I Stand," the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m., J. B. Eller pronouncing the benediction.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association assembled at 7:30. H. C. Whitener conducted

the devotional services. Prayer by C. S. Cashwell.

After a song: "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound," the Moderator called the Association to order.

W. R. Beach, representative of The Biblical Recorder, was recognized. The brother stated that he was there to get subscriptions and renewals to The Recorder.

By request, the Penelope Quartet sang two beautiful selections, and all enjoyed them.

At this point the Young Business and Professional Woman's Club of the First Baptist Church of Hickory, rendered the Missionary pageant, "Spirit of Christ." It was one of the best treats of the session. All enjoyed it.

The report on B.Y.P.U. was not ready. It was agreed to take up the question and let the report be read and adopted later. The question was discussed by H. C. Whitener, Eph Whisenhunt and A. T. Fox.

W. A. Huggins, corresponding Secretary of the Educational Board, was recognized and welcomed to a seat in this body.

J. Y. Killian read the folowing report:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

God told Joshua that the Book of the Law was not to depart out of his mouth but that he should meditate therein day and night. The cloud and the pillar of fire had departed and the children of Israel were commanded to "search the Scriptures" for guidance and to learn there-from the will of Jehovah. They were to study and to teach His Word.

This command has not been changed but remains today to us in the same full force it did in the prosperous days of Israel. We are to study His word, to meditate therein, and to teach it to others, which we term Christian Education.

The greatest responsibility resting upon parents today is the proper training and education of their children. The general public is demanding better educated men and women. The tendency of this age is influencing our young people to study and read other literature instead of the Bible, and to attend non-denominational in preference to Church schools.. The state will give free to every child within her borders a good education according to her state system; but the state does not and will not teach the Scriptures in her schools. This teaching if done at all in school must be done by denominational institutions.

The Baptists have established in our state a number of schools and colleges and they are so located that at least one is within reach of every Baptist home. We must equip, encourage, and support these institutions if the children of Baptist families are to be educated as Baptists for Christian duties and church work. Not to give this needed support means that finally our schools can not live and be prosperous.

This is an important part of our church work and must be done by us or our church as a denomination will suffer and the teaching of God's Word by Baptists delayed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Y. KILLIAN.

The report was discussed by J. Y. Killian, M. A. Huggins, J. B. Eller and A. C. Hamby.

The report was adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer, W. R. Bradshaw leading.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9 a. m., H. B. Chronister conducting the devotional services. After a prayer by J. B. Pruitt, the Moderator called the Associaton to order.

The minutes of the day before were read, corrected and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following to write and present reports at next session:

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS

Biblical Recorder—C. M. Robinson.
Woman's Work—T. C. Singleton.
Minister's Relief—L. V. Padgett.
Orphanage—I. I. Williams.
Sunday Schools—Joe Howard.
Temperance—J. H. Boggs.
B. Y. P. U.—A. T. Fox.
Christian Education—Eph Whisenhunt.
State Missions—M. I. Harris.
Home Missions—B. H. Laughridge.
Foreign Missions—W. R. Bradshaw.
Obituaries—W. B. McClure.
Digest Church Letters—S. T. Gaddy.

W. R. Bradshaw submitted the following report:

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

Your committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention recommend L. V. Padgett and Thos. P. Pruitt.

The report was adopted.

The following visitors were welcomed: J. N. Barnett, and J. J. Benfield.

O. Joe Howard read the report on perodicals. It was discussed by O. Joe Howard and W. R. Beach and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS—Published by the Sunday School Board of Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn. Price $1 per annum; monthly. This gives interesting missionary information for the denomination at large, with many of the articles illustrated. It also contains programs for the Woman's Missionary Societies.

ROYAL SERVICE—Published by the woman's missionary union, Birmingham, Ala.; 50c per annum; monthly. This gives programs for W. M. S. and Y. W. A., and is especially useful to our women in their work.

WORLD COMRADES—A missionary magazine for boys and girls. Price $1 per annum; monthly. Contains programs for R. A.'s

and G. A.'s and Sunbeams.

BIBLICAL RECORDER—Published at Raleigh, N. C., by the Recorder Company, at a loss, for the benefit of the denomination as a whole. It gives general missionary information, and particularly about the work of the Baptist State Convention. Price $2; published weekly.

CHARITY AND CHILDREN—Thomasville, N. C., edited by the inimitable Arch. Johnson; published weekly; price, single copy, $1 per annum; a lower rate can be secured in clubs.

None of us can be as good Baptists as we should be without subscribing for and READING all these publications. Not only do we older ones need the information and inspiration to be gleaned from these papers ourselves, but we owe it to our children to see that these are all put in their reach.

Respectfully,
O. JOE HOWARD.

J. N. Barrett, Sunday School Secretary, of Winston, asked for a Sunday School Institute be held in this Association.

By motion, the request was granted, and it will be held in Maiden on December 5th and 6th, 1924.

The following visitors were recognized: F. A. Bower and W. B. Sprinkle, pastors of Morganton.

The three missionary reports were read.

The reports were discussed by T. P. Pruitt, S. T. Gaddy, L. V. Padgett, L. L. Hatfield, W. R. Bradshaw, Eph Whisenhunt, A. C. Hamby. The latter was speaking when the hour for dinner came.

The Associaion adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer, Rev. F. A. Bower leading.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a fine and bountiful dinner, the Association reassembled C. D. Barton conducting the devotional exercises.

The Moderator called the Association to order, and A. C. Hamby resumed his speech on the mission reports.

The reports were adopted jointly. They are as follows:

HOME MISSION REPORT

The influence of America in shaping world-ideals today is unequalled by any other nation in the world. The other nations of the world are looking to us for leadership in many respects, especially financially and religiously. Our sound missionary policy demands that we must make the United States a Christian nation. Baptists of the South have in the Home Mission Board an agency of unequalled efficiency through which they have been bringing and will continue to bring, their efforts to that end.

While the South is better evangelized than any other section of the country, still a great work of evangelization and Christianizing confronts us. Our Home Missionaries lead those of all other denominations in soul-winnng. The number of converts reported by them annually being about 40,000. Still the most urgent mission task that confronts us at the present time is the spiritualization of the New South. The fast increase of the South's wealth will

crowd out our Christianity and crush the souls of the people if they are not strong enough to master the situation. Only lives of religion and service can give this strength. We must keep pace spiritually with our material prosperity.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845. Its work is of very great importance and is confined to the Southern States, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Canal Zone. The work of the Board has been in compliance with the command of the Master when he said that we should "Begin at Jerusalem." The policy of the Board has always been co-operative and the work has grown continually. A vast majority of the larger towns and cities of the Southern States have at some time been Mission Stations of the Home Mission Board. The work has been greatly blessed, especially during the past few years.

The Home Mission Board has done a great work among the negroes of the South, the Indians and in fostering churches and schools in mountain sections of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The two great tasks before the Southern Baptists at present are Enlistment and Evangelism and there is no department of our organization working harder for the success of these tasks than the Home Board. At the present time it is in urgent need of funds to carry on this work. If we are to hold the South and thus help to hold America as a Christian nation and exert the proper influence as a dominant world power, this phase of our work must not be neglected. As a matter of fact it must receive more consideration if the demands are met and the work is to continue to grow. There are many sections of our Southland that are yet practically untouched so far as Baptists are concerned, even though we are by far the leading denomination of the South. Let us realize the vast possibilities and the great responsibities that are ours at the present time and do our full duty before it is too late. The fields are now white for the harvest. To delay the matter is dangerous.

Respectfully submitted,
S. T. GADDY.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

A brief glance at the statistics of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention brings assurance of progress and success of our Foreign Mission Cause.

We made gains during the past year of 204 churches, 8,544 members, making a total now of 1,095 churches with a total membership of 111,872.

We have now in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, 27 churches for every church and 30 members for every memeber in our foreign fields. Three hundred and eight, or about one-third of our churches in foreign fields are self-supporting. Our record shows that our gain of self-supporting churches last year was 97, in other words a gain of 50 per cent in one year.

We only made a net gain last year of 43 missionaries bringing the present number to 544. We need to send this year 229 missionaries to do justice to the cause.

Native workers now number 2,494. It is very important that the native working force be built up. Because we all know that

the final evangelization of every land must be done by native workers.

We have 860 schools of all grades with 35,106 students enrolled. Twenty of these schools are kindergartens, five are colleges, 13 are normal or training schools. The greatest part of our Foreign school program is our seventeen Bible and Theological Schools in which there are being trained 416 young native preachers. Our schools are tremendous evangelizing agencies. In some sections the majority of those baptized into the churches are won in the schools.

In our medical work in China, Africa, and Mexico, we have 16 male and three female physicians and seven trained nurses, 19 native physicians and 29 nurses.

We have publishing houses in China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Italy, that are publishing Bibles, Testaments, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. quarterles and denominational papers in vast quantities, more than 84,000,000 pages of literature being distributed.

We are told that numbers of people are converted from reading the printed pages, in many instances homes have been opened to the missionaries through a Gospel tract or a Testament that otherwise would have been closed.

Thus our work goes forward with the approval of God on it. Southern Baptists are rejoicing in it, yet we are not supporting it as we should and as we could if we would. The board has been compelled to halt the work just at a time when if Southern Baptists would supply the funds the board could press the work most advantageously.

In May, 1923, the Board reported a debt of $403,000. May, 1924, they reported a debt of $711,000. When appropriation for 1924 was made $1,600,000 in requests was denied. The Board only appropriated for current expense, nothing allowed for building or equipment. No one can estimate what this lack of support is going to mean to the cause of Christ.

The situation is alarming and the only relief is the payment of our 75 million campaign pledges. We call now upon our churches to rally with heroic sacrifice to the completion of the great 75 million task.

Respectfully submitted,
L. V. PADGETT.

STATE MISSION REPORT

No chain is stronger than its weakest link, and this applies with as much force to our religious activities as it does to any other human undertaking. We as an Association will be judged, not so much by the things we have done as by the things we leave undone, and because of this fact our religious activities should be well rounded and all inclusive. I believe in the whole Baptist Program and I would not magnify one phase in such a way as to make any other object of our work seem small or insignificant, and in discussing State Missons, I would like for you to understand that what I say is not to be construed as an admission that any other object for which our denomination stands should be curtailed in

its development or impeded in its onward march.

State Missions is of primary importance, because it deals with the development of our home base. Our advancement and progress as a denomination depends upon our progress and advancement in our State Work. A strong local church should mean a strong grasp upon every phase of our denominational activities. While a weak church can not hope to be of much service to the outside.

Our State Mission Board deals with this problem of the home base. It is the rock upon which our whole denominational structure stands, It assists struggling churches and underpaid pastors in the State. It encourages strong co-operative movements among our rural churches endeavoring to place strong men at logical centers. It sends missionaries into the remote parts of our State with the Baptist message. It aids church buildings when possible. Our great Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and Woman's Missionary Union work, are departments of our State Mission activities and their achievements are properly credited to the onward march of our great State Mission work.

I do not intend to give you a substantial report of our work during the past year. As the facts are known to all of you who read our denominational papers and keep in touch with our denominational activities.

We have merely added another year of splendid progress and achievement to the fruitful years that have just proceeded us. The prospects are as ever bright and promising and the outlook encouraging.

It would not, however, be just if it was not stated that our board is laboring under a burden of debt which is handicaping and saping the vitality and energy of those who are placed in positions of responsibility in this great work. May I say that it is not fair for us as a denomination to place upon the shoulders of Dr. Maddry, Bro. Hamby and their associates in the great work of developing our State Work and expect them at the same time to carry the added responsibilities of a huge debt upon our work. In all fairness to them as our servants and co-workers, we, as an Association ought to here and now pledge ourselves to do our part regardless of what others may do to relieve this distressing financial condition in our State Work, and to that end I suggest that each pastor and each Sunday School superintendent in the Association set aside one Sunday between now and December the 31st to be known as State Mission day and at that meeting to take a collection for State Missions and to make a direct appeal to the people for this great and all important work.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. P. PRUITT.

By motion, T. P. Pruitt, with L. V. Padgett, as his assistant, was elected as the Associational Director of the Mission program for 1925.

By request, J. H. Boggs read the following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Your committee, having failed to hear from all the churches, can make only a partial report. The number of deaths reported

during the past year is 17, as follows: Antioch 1, Bethel 2, Brookford 1, Hickory First 2, Highland 2, Leonard's Fork 1, Mount Ruhama 1, Newton 1, Riverview 2, Salem 2, Sharon 1, and West Hickory 1. We haven't the names of them, except Brother H. R. Freeman, of West Hickory.

Respectfully,
J. W. HOOVER.

The report was adopted.

PLACE AND PREACHER

Your Committee on Place and Preacher for next session, beg to submit the following:

Place—Lincolnton, First Church.

Preacher—T. C. Singleton; Alternate—C. D. Barton.

J. Y. KILLIAN, For Committee.

The report was adopted.

By motion, J. H. Boggs was instructed to write an obituary of Brother Freeman, and Mrs. T. C. Singleton one of Sister S. T. Gaddy.

L. V. Padgett presented the following resolution to be added to the By-Laws:

The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee at each session of the Association of two members to prepare a program for the succeeding session, and that the same be incorporated in the minutes; and that the pastor of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be included in the program committee, making the committee consist of three.

The resolution was adopted.

T. P. Pruitt presented the following:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Whereas, the South Fork Association has enjoyed the hospitality of Brother M. I. Harris and his good people for this two days session, therefore, be it resolved that we extend to them our thanks for the courtesies extended to the delegates and visitors attending this session. They have left nothing undone to make our stay pleasant and profitable. We specially thank the good ladies for their motherly care and keeping, and sumptuous dinners. God bless them.

THOS. P. PRUITT.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

By motion, the clerk was allowed $25 for his services of getting out the minutes.

There being no further business, by motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Lincolnton First Church on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1925, at 10 a. m. Prayer by W. R. Bradshaw.

OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator,
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

(NOTE:—Those writing reports are asked to make them brief, pointed and practical.)

THE W. M. U. MEETING

The fifth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Fork Baptist Association was held in the Olivet Baptist church September the 19th, 1924, Miss Alma Lineberger, Superintendent of the Association, presiding. The meeting opened at 10 o'clock with the woman's hymn, "Come Women Wide Proclaim." Mrs. McLean, of Lincolnton, conducted the devotional exercise. The address of welcome was given by Miss Ruth Saunders. Mrs. O. Joe Howard, of Hickory, responded. Minutes for 1923 were read and approved. The roll of societies was called, and many societies were represented by large delegations.

Lincolnton First, seven; Lincolnton Avenue, 11; Hickory First, four; Highland, seven; Olivet, three; Peneleope, nine; Newton, eight; Catawba, one; Maiden, five; West Hickory, three; Goodsonville, six; Mt. Grove, four.

The report of the Treasurer showed an increase in gifts to all objects. The report of the Superintendent of the Association is as follows: Number of Societies, 31; number of churches, 35; number of churches having Woman's Missionary Societies, 14; number of churches having Y. W. A. Societies, 3; number having G. A. Societies, 3; number of churches having R. A., 1; number of churches having Sunbeam Societies, 8; number of churches without societies, 31. Last year the women of the South Fork Association raised $710.00 above their quota for the year. The women of the Association pledged to the 75 million campaign $15,451.00 and have raised $18,149.00.

Mrs. T. C. Singleton of Newton gave an interesting paper on "Bible and Mission Study." Miss Erwin of Olivet gave an interesting talk on "Personal Service," stressing the 75 million campaign, and leaving with us the importance of paying our pledges.

All were delighted to have present Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, the President of the Woman's Missionary Union of the State. After first paying beautiful tributes to Mrs. Killian and Mrs. Gaddy our former superintendents, Mrs. Jones then delivered a very helpful and inspiring address—giving the aim of our woman's work for 1925.

Rev. Singleton, of Newton, made an announcement with reference to his paper, "The Baptist Messenger."

Mrs. Jones dismissed the morning session with prayer. All repaired to the grove where the ladies of Olivet church served a most delightful lunch.

Promptly at 2 oclock the Union reassembled, and the devotional meeting was conducted by Miss Padgett, of Lincolnton. Minutes were read and after corrections were approved. Mrs. J. L. Leach of Hickory, gave a very interesting paper on Junior Work. Mrs. Earl Carr explained "Sunbonnet Sue," the Sunbeam standard of efficiency chart. After which the Olivet Sunbeams gave a very enjoyable program under the leadership of Miss Erwin, who deserves much praise for her work among the children.

Miss Della Abernethy gave a discussion on the "Standard of

Excellence." The following reports were read and adopted:

"Time and Place"—Place: Maiden.

Time—September 20th, 1925.

MRS. O. JOE HOWARD, Chairman.
MRS. T. C. SINGLETON,
MRS. HEFNER.

We, the Committee of Nominations, recommend for Superintendent, Mrs. T. C. Singleton, Newton; Associate Superintendent, Mrs. Whitfield Toby; Secretary, Mrs. E. N. Carr; Treasurer, Mrs. M. I. Harris; Superintendent of Mission Study, Mrs. Garland Davis; Junior Y. W. A. Superintendent, Miss Ruby Padgett.

MISS DELLA ABERNETHY, Chm.,
MRS. J. L. LEACH,
MRS. H. C. WHITENER.

We, the Committee on Resolutions, in behalf of the W. M. U. of the South Fork Association, wish to thank the Olivet church for their gracious hospitality, the Sunbeam Band for the interesting program rendered, and wish to express our thanks to Mrs. W. N. Jones of Raleigh, our State President, for her helpful and inspiring address.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. McLEAN, Chairman.

A memorial service for our former beloved Superintendent, Mrs. S. T. Gaddy, was conducted by Mrs. Hewitt of Newton, speaking of her Christian character, and her willingness to work for the Master. The W. M. U. of the South Fork Association decided to complete at once the memorial at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem for Mrs. Killian and Mrs. Gaddy.

Visitors and pastors of the various churches added much to the interest of the meeting. The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw to meet with the Maiden Baptist church, Septmbr th 20th, 1925.

MRS. T. C. SINGLETON, President.
MRS. E. N. CARR, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2 Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to ass st Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship: to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convenion in all departments.

3 It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members, two from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. One from each section of the Association to serve one yaer, one from each section for two years, one from each section or three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the 1st day of each session a Committee of three to nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at 10 a. m. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be: Meet at 9:00 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair..

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Kelfoots Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Names of Churches	Sundays of Preaching	Gains By				Loss By			Total Membership
		Baptism	Letter	Statement	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death	
Antioch	2nd S.	6	----	----	----	----	----	1	52
Bethel	2nd	6	----	----	----	5	----	2	64
Brookford	Every	34	26	----	----	10	2	1	191
Catawba	1st, 3rd	4	2	----	----	2	----	----	126
Cedar Grove	2nd 4th	6	----	----	----	4	----	1	55
Center View	3rd	5	6	----	----	----	----	----	100
Corinth	4th	15	2	1	----	----	----	----	114
Gainsville	2nd 4th	23	7	----	----	----	----	----	83
Goodsonville	Half T.	4	19	----	----	18	----	----	100
Hickory First	Every	33	43	1	1	40	----	2	641
Highland	Every	24	22	3	1	31	23	2	220
Kids Chapel	3rd	3	7	----	----	11	----	----	25
Lawing's Chapel	3rd&Sat	13	4	----	----	9	----	----	146
Leonard's Fork	Not giv.	2	2	----	----	2	----	1	77
Lincolnton First	Every	6	10	----	----	21	----	2	238
Lincolnton Avenue	2nd 4th	32	18	----	2	8	----	----	170
Macedonia	1st 3rd	8	6	----	----	3	----	1	228
Maiden	Every	8	9	----	----	10	11	6	330
Mountain Grove	2nd 4th	6	3	----	----	3	----	----	98
Mount Ruhama	1st 3rd	13	5	----	----	7	1	1	195
Mountain View	3rd	2	3	----	----	2	----	2	92
Mount Zion	1st 3rd	5	2	1	1	5	----	5	122
Newton First	Every	3	7	----	1	12	1	1	181
North Newton	Every	4	1	1	----	5	10	3	84
Olivet	2nd 4th	10	11	----	----	6	----	2	155
Penelope	Every	22	30	----	----	11	----	----	250
Piney Grove	2nd	1	1	----	----	2	----	1	49
Providence	1st 3rd	11	1	----	----	9	----	1	122
Reepsville	3rd	4	10	----	----	----	1	----	70
River View	2nd 4th	4	20	----	----	15	1	2	126
Roseland	2nd 4th	----	3	----	----	5	----	----	34
Salem	3rd	----	2	----	----	6	----	2	62
Sharon	1st	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	175
Warlick's Chapel	1st	7	----	----	----	2	----	----	73
Webb's Chapel	3rd&Ni	6	----	----	1	4	----	----	45
West Hickory	Every	1	8	----	----	6	1	1	188
Totals		331	290	7	7	274	51	41	4,961

Three churches with a joint membership last year of 135 didn't report this year.. Counting them the same this year, the gain for the Association is 115.

CHURCH	When Organized	PASTORS	Value of Church Property	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES
Antioch	1922	C. A. Abernethy	$ 1,000.00	Miss Fannie Bolick, Lincolnton, Rt. 4.
Bethel	1895	B. H. Laughridge	1,000.00	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton, N. C.
Brookford	1907	J. H. Boggs	3,000.00	R. C. Simpson, Brookford, N. C.
Catawba	1874	R. Lee Davis	5,000.00	C. W. Ervin, Catawba, N. C.
Cedar Grove	1902	W. W. Rimmer	400.00	Clyde Michael, Newton, N. C.
Centerview	1915	B. H. Laughridge	2,500.00	J. F. Hovis, Lincolnton, N. C., Rt. 4.
Corinth	1884	H. B. Chronister	2,500.00	C. O. Ritchey, Vale, N. C., Rt. 4.
Gainsville	1923	L. A. Bangle	1,200.00	Miss Ellen Tutherow, Crouse, N. C., Rt. 1.
Goodsonville	1922	T. H. Roach	2,500.00	W. C. McAlister, Lincolnton, N. C., Rt. 3.
Hickory First	1870	W. R. Bradshaw	60,000.00	Edgar Fox, Hickory, N. C.
Highland	1912	H. C. Whitener	8,500.00	A. T. Fox, Hickory, N. C.
Kidds Chapel	1872	B. H. Laughridge	1,500.00	W. A. Poole, Iron Station, N. C., Rt. 1.
Lawings Chapel	1907	W. J. Bryson	1,000.00	Samuel Bandy, Lincolnton, N. C., Rt. 4.
Leonards Fork	1884	W. J. Bryson	1,000.00	J. W. Hoover, Crouse, N. C.
Lincolnton First	1859	Eph Whisenhunt	77,000.00	Robert H. Harrell, Lincolnton, N. C.
Lincolnton Avenue	1910	B. H. Laughridge	2,500.00	J. F. Epps, Lincolnton, N. C.
Macedonia	1886	W. B. McClure	900.00	W. W. Lawing, Lincolnton, N. C., Rt. 3.
Maiden	1891	W. W. Rimmer	6,000.00	T. H. Caldwell, Maiden, N. C.
Mountain Grove	1881	Lee J. Jones	4,000.00	G. F. Huffman, Hickory, N. C., Rt. 1.
Mount Ruhama	1816	C. M. Robinson	3,500.00	P. D. Caldwell, Newton, N. C., Rt. 2.
Mountain View	1893	W. B. McClure	1,800.00	M. O. Gilleland, Maiden, N. C.
Mount Zion	1869	B. H. Laughridge	2,000.00	M. J. Hager, Alexis, N. C.
Newton First	1881	T. C. Singleton	42,000.00	C. D. Jessups, Newton, N. C.
North Newton	1921	W. J. Bryson	17,000.00	Miss Daisy Whisnant, Newton, N. C.
Olivet	1837	C. M. Robinson	4,000.00	J. T. Ervin, Catawba, N. C.
Penelope	1888	M. I. Harris	5,000.00	C. C. Kees, Hickory, N. C.
Piney Grove	1904	W. J. Bryson	600.00	LeeSetzer, Newton, N. C., Rt. 2.
Providence	1878	Lee J. Jones	1,000.00	Geo. P. Young, Hickory, N. C., Rt. 5.
Reepsville	1899	P. W. Bangle	1,500.00	Kinley Sronce, Lincolnton, N. C., Rt. 2.
River View	1899	T. H. Roach	8,000.00	R. L. Chronister, Lincolnton, N. C., Flint St.
Roseland	1922	T. H. Roach	50.00	Webb Durham, Box 67, Lincolnton, N. C.
Salem	1849	W. J. Bryson	500.00	Clarence Helms, Lincolnton, N. C., Rt. 6.
Sharon	1884	J. A. Snow	800.00	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station, N. C.
Warlick's Chapel	1875	H. B. Chronister	1,500.00	E. T. Berry, Icard, N. C.
Webbs Chapel	1892	W. S. Brown	1,500.00	F. B. Carpenter, Lincolnton, N. C., Rt. 5.
West Hickory	1907	C. D. Barton	9,000.00	J. R. Pierce, West Hickory, N. C.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Expenses by S. S., B. Y. P. U., etc	Incidental	Local Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	TOTALS
Antioch	$ 39.00	$	$ 21.00	$ 221.00	$ 16.53	$ 7.43	$ 26.00	$ 1.00	$	$ 331.96
Bethel	150.00		35.00			25.25		2.20		212.45
*Brookford	1,040.00		196.63		263.18		34.50	2.50		1,536.81
Catawba	223.30			126.15	125.75	62.71		2.40	113.22	651.43
Cedar Grove	65.00			65.00	8.00	40.00		1.00		179.00
Center View	192.06		50.80		52.51	102.06		1.80		299.23
Corinth	200.00	60.00		1,000.00	25.00			2.50		1,287.50
Gainsville	225.00				40.00	800.00		2.00		1,067.00
Goodsonville	700.00		55.51		119.98			1.50		876.99
Hickory First	3,120.00	532.25	397.50	162.96	819.87	135.45	150.00	15.00	1,070.01	6,403.04
Highland	1,808.60		71.00	1,090.02	583.49	120.00	31.45	7.00	349.00	4,060.56
Kids Chapel	75.00		13.50		7.50			.90		96.90
Lawings Chapel	200.00		36.52		132.95	19.02		1.40	5.75	395.64
Leonard's Fork	250.00		29.00					1.00		280|00
Lincolnton First	1,973.02		169.10	460.00	373.96	800.57	7.00	5.00		3,788.65
*Lincolnton Avenue	609.00	24.66	168.85	3.20	84.75	153.05	18.50	3.00	218.20	1,272.85
Macedonia	209.87		50.23	350.00	18.00			.40		628.20
Maiden	1,820.00			818.35	323.23	3 59.50	68.40	4.05	5.01	3,398.53
Mountain Grove	350.00		71.85	70.00	85.20	45.00		2.50		624.55
Mount Ruhama	515.50		72.39		37.79	4.60	63.00	4.00	29.53	726.81
Mountain View	150.00	8.00	30.00	800.00	48.82		8.00	2.00		1,037.82
Mount Zion	275.00		46.00		34.00		11.00	5.00	10.00	386.00
Newton First	1,410.00	30.00	130.00	427.50	159.40	555.00	6.00	5.00	100.00	2,822.90
*North Newton	173.73				33.00	1,500.00	60.00	9.50		1,776.23
Olivet	800.00		75.00	50.00	127.00	40.00	10.00	3.00	36.00	1,141.00
*Penelope	1,200		131.81	516.00	332.80	21.47	100.00	4.25	51.85	2,358.24
Piney Grove	100.00		13.50		6.50	5.35				125.35
Providence	200.00	30.00	38.50					2.60		271.10
Reepsville	100.00	30.00		100.00	5.00			1.50	100.00	336.50
River View	700.35		62.95	668.59	224.36		38.85	3.00	72.50	1,770.60
Roseland	162.35			333.00	51.24	76..18	10.00	1.50		634.27
Salem	188.28				18.58			.50		207.36
Sharon					14.08					14.08
Warlick's Chapel	187.00		38.00		12.18			1.00		238.18
Webb's Chapel	79.62	31.00		49.00	16.08	3.00		.50		179.20
West Hickory	1,000.00		97.00		304.32	25.00		5.00	25.58	1.456.90
Totals	$20,191.68	$745.91	$2,101.64	$7,310.77	$4,505.05	$4,900.64	$ 6 39.70	$ 105.50	$2,145.64	$42,649.03

BENEVOLENT OBJECTS

CHURCHES	75 Million Undesignated	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Christian Education	Orphanage	Hospitals	Other Objects	TOTALS
Bethel	$	$	$	$ 4.25	$	$ 3.84	$	$	$ 8.09
Brookford	383.64	5.00				86.98		2.50	478.12
Catawba	121.00	13.33				70.28	32.17		236.78
Cedar Grove	15.00								15.00
Center View	85.00								85.00
Gainsville			6.00			6.55		2.00	14.55
Goodsonville	155.08	13.35					37.30	10.00	215.73
Hickory First	2,916.18	707.86	208.70	349.36	11.00	426.40	50.00		5,669.50
Highland	652.42	9.25	9.25	26.45	2.64	229.26	8.64		937.49
Kids Chapel	8.00	3.00	3.00	3.00		10.50			27.50
Lawings Chapel	55.25					12.41			67.66
Leonards Fork	133.00					7.00			140.00
Lincolnton First	121.54	85.00	100.00	285.39		594.35	29.89	4.80	1,232.97
Lincolnton Avenue	112.48						8.00		120.48
Macedonia						13.74			13.74
Maiden	271.92					127.85	2.50	2.78	505.02
Mountain Grove	80.90					162.94		11.75	255.59
Mount Ruhama	33.67					74.79			154.46
Mountain View		12.41				6.91			19.32
Mount Zion	57.38	32.38				44.05			133.68
Newton First	138.73					293.00	25.00		456.73
North Newton	30.00	5.95	40.00	5.00		22.50			103.45
Olivet	126.71			41.51		60.25		25.52	254.00
Penelope	279.30					68.20	10.66		358.16
Piney Grove	2.50					1.30			3.80
Providence						71.70			71.70
River View	79.90		16.50	9.41		81.26		7.07	141.13
Roseland	97.95					31.72	15.00		144.67
Salem		10.00	10.00	20.00		35.50			75.50
Sharon	12.33								12.33
Warlicks Chapel		30.35							30.35
Webbs Chapel						17.50		10.00	27.50
West Hickory	305.24	19.36	8.00	12.20	10.00	7.21	8.33		370.39
TOTALS	$6,305.47	$116.89	$401.45	$756.56	$23.64	$3,568.00	$227.54	$76.39	$12,275.94

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3 to 5 years	Primary 6 to 8 years	Junior 9 to 12 years	Intermediate 13 to 16 years	Senior and Adult 17 and up	Enrollment Home Department	TOTAL	Baptisms from School	Contributions for Home and Orphanage
Antioch	G. A. Bolick, Lincolnton, R-4	8	---	6	12	23	---	6	55	5	26.00
Bethel	W. B. Mullen, Lincolnton, N. C.	8	26	11	---	7	31	---	83	---	27.89
Brookford	F. C. Adams, Brookford, N. C.	16	15	30	30	15	55	---	161	10	178.18
Catawba	C. W. Ervin, Catawba, N. C.	10	12	20	12	11	55	---	120	2	59.60
Cedar Grove	John Beard, Newton, N. C.	5	---	6	10	18	12	---	51	---	8.00
Center View	W .M. Turbyfill, Maiden, N. C.	9	---	---	---	---	---	---	114	4	52.51
Corinth	R. P. Havner, Hickory, R-1	7	---	36	10	40	34	---	119	6	25.00
Gainsville	W. P. Martin, Lincolnton, R-1	6	30	---	21	20	---	---	77	10	12.55
Goodsonville	J. P. Williams, Lincolnton, R-3	12	21	14	15	20	60	---	142	4	178.39
Hickory First	Thos. P. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C.	32	30	50	80	80	133	30	435	32	1,498.00
Highland	A. T. Fox, Hickory, N. C.	23	37	46	64	43	135	40	388	17	609.98
Kidds Chapel	W. A. Poole, Iron Station, R-1	5	4	6	8	7	9	---	39	2	---
Lawings Chapel	Lewis Keever, Lincolnton, R-4	12	20	16	22	30	31	---	113	13	140.81
Lincolnton First	J. O. Allen, Lincolnton, N. C.	16	---	---	---	---	---	---	171	6	---
Lincolnton Ave	J. A. Hallman, Lincolnton, N. C.	13	15	20	20	35	132	---	235	25	---
Macedonia	M. L. Cash, Lincolnton, R-3	8	32	---	29	61	11	---	141	8	13.74
Maiden	J. W. Williams, Maiden, N. C.	17	---	---	---	---	---	---	343	4	408.73
Mountain Grove	C. S. Eckard, Hickory, R-1	9	23	---	17	19	50	---	118	6	85.20
Mount Ruhama	F. D. Caldwell, Maiden, R-1	11	---	---	---	---	---	---	186	17	1,126.54
Mountain View	M. M. Moore, Maiden, N. C.	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	99	1	---
Mount Zion	L. H. Holderman, Alexis, N. C.	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	121	3	109.30
Newton First	J. W. Hendricks, Newton, N. C.	14	---	---	---	---	---	---	215	3	400.40
North Newton	C. J. Stewart, Newton, N. C.	9	20	6	23	---	30	---	88	3	175.45
Olivet	Osborne Brown, Catawba, N. C.	14	22	30	40	20	41	---	167	7	---
Penelope	A. C. Pritchard, Hickory, N. C.	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	22	68.20
Piney Grove	E. T. Barker, Claremont, N. C.	7	7	7	9	---	15	---	45	1	6.52
Corinth	M. S. Brittain, Vale, N. C., R-4	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	65	9	16.00
Reepsville	Not given	3	20	---	---	10	20	---	53	---	---
River View	A. M. Harless, Lincolnton, R-6	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	200	3	305.62
Roseland	A. E. Weaver, Lincolnton, R-1	9	---	24	15	---	54	---	102	---	82.96
Salem	F. D. Helms, Iron Station, N. C.	6	11	6	20	18	12	---	73	---	10.50
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station, N. C.	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	50	---	14.08
Warlicks Chapel	W. L. Finger, Icard, N. C.	6	10	10	21	---	18	---	65	7	---
Webb's Chapel	S. O. Murphy, Lincolnton, R-5	6	5	15	8	7	15	---	56	---	---
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy, West Hickory	12	23	70	61	---	116	---	282	---	238.97
Totals 35		344	383	429	547	484	1069	76	3256	220	$5.879.12

Leonard's Fork reported no school.

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L. V. PADGETT, Vice-Moderator.....Lincolnton, N. C.
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.....Hickory, N. C.
S. T. GADDY, Treasurer.....Newton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

One Year	Two Years	Three Years
W. T. Leatherman	J. L. Patterson	H. C. Whitener
J. Y. Killian	L. L. Hatfield	J. T. Ervin

PASTORS

C. A. Abernethy, Worth
L. A. Bangle, Lincolnton
P. W. Bangle, Lincolnton
C. D. Barton, West Hickory
J. H. Boggs, Brookford
W. E. Bost, Lincolnton
W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory
A. L. Campbell, Maiden
H. B. Chronister, Icard
R. Lee Davis, Statesville
L. C. Douthit, Cherryville
M. I. Harris, Hickory, R. 4
Lee J. Jones, Marion
J. W. Kesterson, Maiden
B. H. Laughridge, Lincolnton
L. A. McClure, Alexis
W. B. McClure, Alexis
W. W. Rimmer, Dallas
T. H. Roach, Lincolnton
C. M. Robinson, Catawba, R. 2
T. C. Singleton, Newton
W. L. Walters, Gastonia
Eph Whisenhunt, Lincolnton
H. C. Whitener, Hickory

PREACHERS NOT PASTORS

E. J. Caldwell, Wake Forest
M. J. Cloer, Hickory, R. 4
L. A. Davis, Brookford
Paul Drum, Maiden, R. 1
Vance Havner, Vale, R. 4
J. B. Pruitt, Hickory
E. S. Whisnant, Lincolnton
G. T. Young, Vale

Died during the last year, I. M. Hildebrand, of Penelope Church.

PROCEEDINGS

South Fork Association convened in its Forty-Seventh Annual Session with Lincolnton First Church on Thursday, October 1, 1925, at 10 o'clock a. m.

W. W. Rimmer led the song service. After the song "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," W. R. Beach led in prayer. After the song, "On Higher Ground," T. H. Roach read and commented on Rom. 10:1-10 and led the prayer.

The annual sermon was then preached by T. C. Singleton on the Text John 3:16: A timely sermon. Prayer by H. C. Whitener.

Moderator Osborne Brown called the association to order and announced that the first business before the body was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and called Rev. Eph Whisenhunt to the chair.

The roll of churches was called. All answered present, except two—Piney Grove and Roseland—and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—N. M. Parker, C. C. Devine, C. L. Devine.

Bethel—R. A. Long, H. C. Harrell, A. M. Harrell, Mrs. W. B. Mullen.

Brookford—J. T. Elders, L. A. Davis, Mrs. J. H. Boggs.

Catawba—R. Lee Davis, N. A. Pope, Misses Annie and Edna Danner.

Cedar Grove—M. C. Pannell, John Beard, Clyde Michael.

Center View—M. H. Laney, W. W. Laney, S. O. Hovis, J. P. Turbyfill, V. S. Turbyfill.

Corinth—C. T. Huffman, George Whitworth, Thos. Speagle, Claud Richey.

Denver—B. L. Beal, James Hager.

Faith—Cait Norwood, Tall Senter.

Gainesville—J. F. Jenkins, W. A. Ingle, C. C. Houser.

Goodsonville—Z. B. Ritchie, H. V. Ross, Miss Gladis Goodson.

Hickory First—W. R. Bradshaw, J. F. Click, J. D. Elliott, J. P. Pruitt, O. Joe Howard.

Highland—Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Whitener, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Rockett, Mrs. R. A. Self, J. C. Barber.

Kids Chapel—D. A. Poole, M. P. Womack.

Lawings Chapel—Samuel Bandy, W. H. Caldwell, T. L. Crouse, W. M. Lawing, R. B. Cook.

Leonards Fork—J. W. Hoover, Dorus Neal, Calvin Canipe.

Lincolnton First—M. T. Leatherman, Hal Hoyle, J. T. Perkins, J. L. Putnam, R. H. Harrill, Mesdames J. T. McLean, Eph Whisenhunt, G. W. Toby.

Lincolnton Avenue—E. M. Hallman, G. H. Sronce, John Epps, Frank Jones, Mrs. Edna Hallman.

Long Shoals—Dorus Williams, P. A. Kiser.

Macedonia—S. F. Lee, C. E. Ewing, W. A. Potts, N. P. Williams.

Maiden—T. H. Caldwell, J. W. Williams, R. E. Danner, Mrs. T. H. Caldwell, Mrs. S. Deaton, I. I. Williams, J. W. Kesterson.

Mountain Grove—Calvin Baker, Raymond Huffman, H. A. Witherspoon.

Mount Ruhama—W. M. Caldwell, Rous Campbell, J. I. Caldwell, Geo. W. Caldwell, Thomas Cline.

Mountain View—M. M. Moore, L. P. Gilleland.

Mount Zion—L. H. Helderman, J. P. Humphries, L. A. McClure, Mrs. L. A. McClure, Mrs. A. C. McGinnis.

Newton First—S. T. Gaddy, B. B. Burrus, T. C. Singleton.

North Newton—J. R. Whisenhunt, G. H. Stewart, John Whisenhunt, Mrs. B. M. Burke, Mrs. W. W. Whisenhunt.

Olivet—J. T. Ervin, L. A. White, Fred White.

Penelope—Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Harris, W. T. Harris, M. G. Cloer, Mrs. B. C. Shuford, Mrs. O. A. Yoder, Mrs. H. M. Frye.

Providence—R. L. Ashebraner, W. F. Hoffman.

Reepsville—McKinley Sronce, Charlie Srnoce, Thomas Helms.

River View—E. L. Johnson, G. W. Punch, D. A. Harrell.

Salem—F. D. Helms, A. J. McGinnis, J. D. Baker.

Sharon—A. C. Lineberger, L. A. Abernethy, Miss May Dellinger.

Webbs Chapel—W. R. Huffstetler, F. B. Carpenter, Mrs. F. B. Carpenter, W. W. Rimmer, S. O. Murphy.

West Hickory—C. D. Barton, W. G. Abernethy, Mrs. W. G. Abernethy, Mrs. J. B. Abernethy, N. M. Cordell, Leofly Abernethy. Total delegates, 142.

On motion, the association elected the officers for this session and associational year as follows:

Moderator, Osborn Brown; Vice-Moderator, L. V. Padgett; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, S. T. Gaddy.

On resuming the chair, Moderator Brown announced that the association was ready to take up the program for this session.

C. M. Robinson submitted the following report:

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder was first printed by Thomas Meredith, ninety-one years ago. Since then, it has served as the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers among our people. It is set for the constructive effort of our people in obeying the command of the Master, "to carry the Gospel to all the world." It is published in the interest of our Baptist work, and at the expense of the stockholders. For the past four years, the paper has been a liability. The Recorder promotes the things that shall win. It seeks to aid in bringing in the certain reign of Christ. The readers of the Recorder are its best asset; and, in North Carolina, the Kingdom's best friend.

The best is none too good for our North Carolina Baptist homes. The future homes depend on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation.

People are largely influenced by what they read. Read the best, and the best things do, and the God of the best will reserve the the best for you.

The price is only $2.00 per year.

Let's increase the circulation from 16,000 to 25,000.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. ROBINSON,
For Committee.

The report was discussed by C. M. Robinson, and W. R. Beach, representative of the Recorder. The report was adopted.

The following visitors were recognized. D. P. Bridges, of Newland; C. M. Hamby, of Mars Hill; H. M. Croome, of Buncomb Association; Clyde Yates, of Yadkin Association; Dr. W. L. Poteat, of Central Association.

Mrs. J. T. McLean, Sr., read the following report:

YEAR'S WORK FOR HOSPITAL

Our Hospital presents a brief, but thrilling report of its year's work. It

has passed out of the experimental age, and its ministry of healing and love, has reached the utmost borders of our state.

For the year ending June 30, there were 1,600 patients, coming from every quarter of the state and representing every religious affiliation. About 225 of these, were charity or part pay. To care for these, we had to spend over our earnings, about $10,000.00, or about $40.00 each. Some of the patients paid a small part, some churches helped and sometimes friends contributed to help care for a case; but with the contributions, we were able to care for the needy suffering and to save many lives and homes, and to dispense hope to hundreds, at the rate of $40.00 per person.

There were 24 deaths, or a death rate of a little over one and one-half per cent. This is by far the lowest in the state, or the United States.

The patronage from outside of Winston, is growing in a most encouraging degree. We have everything to be grateful for as we think how rapidly the Hospital has won the hearts of our people.

The cost of maintenance is about $6,250.00 per month. This must be secured from some source to pay our bills each month. We must have enough pay patients to meet this expense as we have no charity money in hand at present. We try to take every charity patient who seeks admission if we see any hope of helping the case. But we have to borrow money to care for these and will have to pay interest on it until next Mother's Day.

We plead that the Baptists of the state will send the pay patients to us from their communities as well as the charity patients. We urge you to come yourself and urge others to do this. Only by this sort of support can we keep the Hospital out of debt. In fact unless the Baptists of the state realize that it is their own institution and let us have the advantage of their money, we will go out of business.

Now we plead for your patronage because we can give you the same sort of treatment and comforts offered you in any of the larger cities. We have an equipment equal to any in the country, anywhere. We have a fireproof building. We have the very best furniture. We have one of the most delightful locations from the standpoint of beauty and health in this state. We give the very best Christian service. There is an atmosphere, a sympathy, a Christian touch, the spirit of prayer, and the continued presence of the Great Physician offered, which no public hospital can possibly give. You get more, pay less, and have the comfort of knowing that you are in the hands of kind, praying, Christian people. Why pay more at inferior institutions and get less service?

We came out on Mother's Day $8,000.00 short of our needs. We began this year in debt instead of having a fund for charity. We are at a loss to know how to get through until next Mother's Day. In order to tide over the financial distress, we have decided to ask churches sending charity patients to pay a part of the hospital bill. The service of the physician will be free. If the churches could raise half of the cost of the patients sent, it would be no great burden to them; but it would save us at least $7,500.00 for this year, as our Charity demands are growing.

The greatest need at present is a Nurses' Home. The cost of rent for a home on the outside, and the number of rooms we have to have to care for 41 girls, constitute a terrible drain on our financial resources. We could have almost enough to pay for one-half of our charity bills if we could have a home for our girls, save the rent and get the use of the rooms they now occupy. It is a fearful loss to let this condition go on. Our good women have promised to build this home and we urge that this will be done in the near future.

We pray for your love, prayers, and support.

The report was discussed by Mrs. McLean, H. C. Whitener, A. M. Harrill

and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: To nominate two members of the Executive Committee: H. C. Whitener, Eph Whisenhunt, and W. B. McClure.

To audit the Treasurer's Book: O. Joe Howard and I. T. Williams.

The association adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by Clyde Yates. Dinner was served in the large basement of the church. The dinner was nice and good.

AFTERNOON SESSION

W. W. Rimmer conducted the devotional exercise. He read and commented briefly on 1 Cor. 1:1-3. After a song and prayer led by J. W. Kesterson, the Moderator calls the association to order.

A. T. Fox submitted the following:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The present B. Y. P. U. of North Carolina was organized in 1909. The first State Convention was held at Durham, 1910. Ten unions were represented at this convention. The last convention held at Salisbury in June, 1925, was attended by more than sixteen hundred representatives. The B. Y. P. U. State Convention has grown to be the largest Baptist meeting held in the State.

This work is fostered by the Baptist State Convention and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The State Mission Board has three whole-time workers in the field, namely: Perry Morgan, General Secretary; Edwin S. Preston, Field Secretary; Miss Winnie Rickett, Junior and Intermediate Secretary. Their time is spent in general field work, such as conducting training schools and institutes, holding conventions, associational and district rallies. Their services are obtainable for work in city, town or country.

There are 1,624 B. Y. P. U. organizations in about 1,100 churches and in our schools and colleges. There are at least 1,000 churches in North Carolina with no training service. In these churches nothing is being done to train the young people. In the South Fork Association there are (37) churches. There are at least one-half these churches without a B. Y. P. U.

B. Y. P. U. is the training agency of the Baptist denomination. Its object, as taken from the B. Y. P. U. constitution, "shall be the increased spirituality of the young Christians, their training in essential church activities, their edification in Scriptural knowledge, their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all forms of Missionary endeavor through existing denominational organizations." The place of the B. Y. P. U. in our State program is one of enlargement ,enlightenment and enlistment. The B. Y. P. U. is educational. It has a curriculum of (12) books, in addition to the topics studied in the B. Y. P. U. quarterly. These books treat upon such subjects as Stewardship, Church Membership, Sunday School and Church Methods, Bible Study, Doctrines, Christian Service and Baptist History.

We recommend that all our churches assume B. Y. P. U. as a church task, electing the officers, publicly installing them, recognizing them as church officers, calling upon them for reports, making responsible to the church and supporting the work financially and with their sympathy and prayers.

This Association was organized about one year ago, and held its first Associational Convention in Maiden Baptist Church, Maiden, N. C., May, 1925, and had a fine beginning.

The Associational officers are as follows:

President—A. T. Fox, Hickory, N. C.
Vice-President—Lincolnton District, Ed Brown.
Vice-President—Newton District, Miss Misenheimer.
Vice-President—Hickory District, William Howard.
Jr. and Intermediate Leader—Mrs. T. C. Singleton, Newton, N. C.
Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Cora Fry, Hickory, N. C.
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer—Miss May Dellinger, Iron Station, N.C.
Chorister—Robert Boatright, Hickory, N. C.
Pianist—Miss Ruth Harris, Hickory, N. C.

The next session of the Convention meets with River View Church, on Saturday, 2.00 p. m., and continues through Sunday, the week prior to the State B. Y. P. U. Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
A. T. FOX.

The report was discussed by A. T. Fox, Eph Whisenhunt, H. C. Whitener, and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Preacher and Place for next session: T. C. Singleton, L. V. Padgett, R. Lee Davis.

To nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention: W. R. Bradshaw, J. W. Kesterson and T. H. Roach.

To nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: Eph Whisenhunt, C. M. Robinson and B. H. Laughridge.

O. Joe Howard submitted the following report:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

TEACHING DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCH. The Sunday School should be recognized as the definite teaching department of the church, and should, therefore, have the support of the entire church organization, including the pastor, deacons, and in fact, all church officers. The church should finance the Sunday School, the Sunday School collections should go to Missions; the idea being to train the children to give to Missions.

ADEQUATE BUILDING. Adequate building arrangements are necessary for the proper conduct of the Sunday School. Ideal arrangements call for a separate room for each class; and certainly each class cut off by a curtain, if nothing better can be arranged.

BAPTIST LITERATURE. Baptist literature should, of course, be used without question, as there is none better nor cheaper, and the profit on it goes back into our denominational work.

TEACHERS, CONSECRATED, TRAINED. Being "good" (a Christian) is one of the first requisites of a Sunday School teacher, still it is by no means the last word. With all of the present facilities for Teacher Training, we do not think that folks who have not availed themselves as far as possible of Teacher Training should be asked to teach. The pupil needs to be studied, as well as the literature. The day is past when our public schools will let just anyone teach reading, writing and arithmetic; and the work of a Sunday School teacher is very much more important.

ALL TO WHAT END? Since eighty to ninety per cent of our church members come through the Sunday Schools, it can readily be seen the tremendous importance of these schools. Evangelization should be taught in almost every lesson throughout the year; and the members of the school should be given an opportunity every once in a while to surrender their lives

to the Master.

Respectfully,
O. JOE HOWARD.

After a song, "Have Thine Own Way," the report was discussed by O. Joe Howard, and J. N. Barnett, and adopted.

A motion was made that a Sunday School conference be organized in the Association to meet in the afternoon of every Fifth Sunday. On motion of H. C. Whitener, it was ordered that this conference be in charge of the Executive Committee and that J. N. Barnett be requested to assist them.

The committee to nominate two members of the Executive Committee, reported the names of H. C. Whitener and J. T. Ervin. The report received, and they declared elected.

C. A. Caldwell of Gaston Association was recognized as a welcome visitor.

The roll of churches was called for a two minutes report from each church. The reports made were entertaining and helpful.

The association adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock. Song, "He Leadeth Me." Prayer, W. R. Bradshaw, leading.

NIGHT SESSION

The association met at 7:00 p. m. After the song, "Whosoever Meaneth Me." A beautiful and impressive pageant was rendered by the young people of Lincolnton First church.

The Moderator calls the association to order. Prayer, R. Lee Davis. J. H. Boggs read the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

"Let nothing be lost," said our Savior. All that is misused is lost. All excess is intemperance. But drunkenness is the worst. It spoils the health, dismounts the mind and unmans men.

It reveals secrets, is quarrelsome, impudent, dangerous and mad. In truth, he that is drunk, is not a man; he is void of that which distinguishes him from a beast. The virtue of prosperity is temperance, intemperance will bring a man to poverty and rags. The drunkard will murder, lie, steal and break all law of God and man.

There are other forms of intemperance. Many break the Sabbath pleasure riding in automobiles. Many women, in this modern age of fashion, are intemperate in dress. The Word of God plainly says, for them to adorn themselves in dress that becometh Godliness. The public judges what we are by our acts and dress. Dress has a moral or immoral effect on the human mind.

For the Grace of God that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, teaching them that denying ungodliness and worldliness, we should live soberly and righteously and Godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

J. H. BOGGS.

The report was discussed by J. H. Boggs and W. L. Poteat and adopted.

Eph Whisenhunt submitted the following report:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The greatest need of America today is Christian Education. There is a great crime wave sweeping America and all classes of people are seeking the cause as well as the cure. It is generally conceded that our state insti-

tutions have too much materialism and too little of God Almighty. In view of our age-long belief—the complete separation of church and state—our state endowed schools cannot teach religion. When the Bible is placed in the public schools it becomes a book on the level with other text books and does not hold the power to attract the young minds as when presented in our Sunday Schools and other religious institutions. Therefore, our denomination is responsible for the task of establishing and maintaining Christian schools where we can teach the Bible as we believe, since no Baptist would be permitted to teach the Bible as understood by Baptists.

In order to carry out our program in Christian Education we must enlist every member of our denomination. One of the last words of our Master as He stood with one foot on the earth and the other one in the stirrup of the chariot which was to convey Him back to heaven, was to TEACH. In order to do this we have inaugurated an educational program in our state. We have one college for young men at Wake Forest, and two for young women, Meredith and Chowan. Last year Wake Forest enrolled 1171 students, including 93 ministerial students and four volunteers for Foreign Mission work; the two women colleges enrolled together 584, including 20 volunteers. The combined property value of the three colleges, including plants, equipment and endowments, is $3,545,071.00. We also have two junior colleges and two high schools. In all our schools in this state we have 3,704 students, including 226 ministerial students and 97 volunteers, and own property worth $4,340,351.00. Our Home Board operates schools in our state in which we cooperate. Then we have our South-wide institutions, the Southern Baptist Seminary, the W. M. U. Training School, the Southwestern Seminary and the Bible Institute in New Orleans. In all our schools last year we enrolled 38,000 students and our schools are worth forty million dollars.

We must look to our schools for our leaders, for Missionaries and preachers. We are living in a day when our boys and girls might receive a college degree from some of our best state institutions and know nothing of the Bible and be a stranger to God. We need our denominational colleges where we can teach the youth of our land concerning the One of whom Job said, "Maketh the weight for the winds," and "Stretcheth out the North over the empty spaces and hangeth the earth on nothing."

We should not be forgetful of the fact that the foundations of Christian education must be laid in the home, the Bible school, B. Y. P. U. and Daily Vacation Bible schools. Through all the ages the churches have handed down the torch of learning. We Baptists take great delight in the fact that our public school system was inaugurated by a Baptist. Education and religion must go hand in hand. Education itself is no guarantee against crime and immorality. There are 30 physicians now serving in Leavenworth prison and 43 college graduates teaching in the night school in the same institutions. Education will not keep a man out of prison. We spent last year in the United States $3,500,000,000.00 in criminal prosecution. This is far more than all the gifts of all denominations in America for benevolent and religious purposes. Our Christian schools radiate the spirit of Christ. They are the forerunners of civilization and progress. The Christian colleges have given 17 of 29 presidents; 85 per cent of all the leaders in the various worth-while activities; 97 per cent of our missionaries Shall we not go back and sit at the feet of the wise man and hear again.

"Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

Respectfully submitted,

EPH WHISENHUNT.

The report was discussed by Dr. W. L. Poteat, C. M. Hamby, T. C. Singleton, and adopted.

By motion, the association adjourned until 7 o'clock Friday morning. Prayer by W. R. Bradshaw.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The association met at 9 o'clock. The devotional service was conducted by J. W. Kesterson, who read the 4th chapter of John. Prayer by T. H. Roach. After a song, "More Like Jesus," the Moderator called the association to order.

The committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, nominated J. Y. Killian, alternate T. H. Roach. The report was adopted.

The new preachers into the association were recognized and made welcome were: J. W. Kesterson and W. L. Walters.

M. L. Kestler of the Thomasville Orphanage, and C. E. Maddry were recognized as visitors.

On motion of W. R. Bradshaw, Eph Whisenhunt was elected associational director for missions.

The reports on missions were read as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

By State Missions we mean preaching the Gospel, and strengthening the work of the Kingdom within the borders of our own State.

The State convention was organized ninety-five years ago. We were but a feeble folk then—numbering, perhaps, less than fifteen thousand—without a school of our own, or a paper to advocate our cause.

Now under the guidance of the Lord, we number nearly three hundred and fifty thousand, and have three standard colleges, two Junior colleges, two Academies, five Home Board Mountain Schools, one Hospital one and one great Orphanage.

This year one hundred and forty-five missionaries are preaching under the direction of our Boards.

The Board maintains an Evangelistic Staff. These men are doing much in the way of Evangelizing our people, and strengthening the churches where they preach.

The State Mission Board is intensely interested in Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. work, and cooperates with our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. In supporting field workers.

State Missions is our great leader, servant, helper.

It makes possible our systematic support of Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, and Benevolence.

Respectfully submitted,
M. I. HARRIS.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The work of the home mission board touches almost everything incident to the growth and development of Southern Baptists.

The Board is making an effort to do in the South, what our state mission board is doing in North Carolina.

The object of the board is to give the gospel to the Indians, negroes and the foreigners that settle in the South. The South is our greatest opportunity.

The growth of Southern Baptists verify this fact. During the last period

of 23 years (1903-1925) covering the administration of the present Corresponding Secretary, the amount raised is $13,731,965.99; missionaries commissioned, 27,468; baptisms, 642,492; churches organized, 4,524. Such a record should encourage us in the effort of our Home Mission Board.

The past, present and future work of the home mission board should move us to resolve to give generously and sacrificially to this vitally important work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. LAUGHRIDGE.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

God has blessed our work abroad.

Last year was a triumphant year.

The fact that our missionaries baptized 12,134 people into the membership of our churches on our foreign mission fields is an achievement which should set our hearts aglow with joy.

In order to illustrate other triumphs, we quote here some paragraphs taken from some of the reports of the various fields to the Foreign Mission Board.

"This being the Diamond Jubilee of our work in Africa, we look back with rejoicing and thanksgiving for all that God has done in this land. A great expansion has taken place in the last few years all over the country especially in the outlying districts."

"Where the evangelistic spirit reigns new churches spring up. For example there has been 18 new churches organized in our state, in Brazil, during the year. Not only have new churches been organized, but the old ones have developed in every line of activity."

"In China despite the anti-Christian movement our work moves on. There seems to be no need for discouragement on account of it, but rather reason to feel that it will help and not hinder the spreading of the gospel."

"The Italian Mission is more hopeful than for sometime. There were 214 members baptized during the year 1924. Our present membership is 2,210."

From Japan and Jerusalem optimistic reports come from our missionaries.

We turn from these triumphs to call attention to the embarrassment of the Foreign Mission Board. Last year the Board reported a debt of $1,250,000. This debt came through no extravagance of the Borad. This debt is holding back one hundred volunteers who are ready to go to the front. It has also denied for two years any additional equipment to the missionaries. This debt grew because our Baptist people are not giving adequately. The large program of the Board cannot be maintained upon the amounts they are giving.

What is the remedy? The simple remedy is for the churches to put on the 1925-26 program, make the every member canvass and do it now.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. BRADSHAW.

After a song and a prayer led by A. C. Hamby, the mission reports were discussed by A. C. Hamby and Dr. C. E. Maddry, and adopted.

J. W. Kesterson read:

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE LOCATED AT THOMASVILLE

The Baptist Orphanage located at Thomasville, was born in Raleigh about forty years ago. During this period the institution has administered to nearly 3,000 motherless and homeless children. At present, there are 600 children in the Institution; 110 of these are in the Kennedy Home, our

eastern branch. There are also 83 mothers with 386 children being aided in their own homes—nearly one thousand in all.

Seven cottages have been equipped recently with dining rooms and kitchens, thus completing this system for the entire Orphanage. Every cottage is now a complete home within itself, approaching the normal home as nearly as possible.

The school work ranges from the kindergarten up through the high school. The activities of the children through the work hours are to be considered a part of the system of training. The cottage life, playing ground, industrial features, church, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. activities, constitute the effort to work out a well rounded useful life.

The Orphanage has enjoyed a good year, especially from the standpoint of health. The support from the regular collections has fallen below what it was a year ago. And in order to keep going, the treasurer has been compelled to borrow money. This falling off in the regular offerings is due most part to the long drought.

Your committee heartily recommends: A once a month offering in every Sunday School; a club of Charity and Children in every Sunday School; and a worthy Thanksgiving offering from every church and Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KESTERSON.

The report was discussed by M. L. Kestler, and adopted.

The association adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer, C. E. Maddry, leading.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled at 1:15. J. H. Boggs read the 12th chapter of Romans, and led in the prayer.

The Committee on Place and Preacher for next session, report as follows: Place, Macedonia; preacher, C. D. Barton. The report was adopted.

R. Lee Davis read the following:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved; that we the messengers from the different churches of the South Fork Association, extend our sincere thanks to the members of the First Baptist church, and citizens of Lincolnton for the very kind and courteous entertainment extended to us, and especially extend to the good mothers our thanks for the magnificent dinners we have been enjoying these two days.

R. LEE DAVIS.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

The Moderator appoints the following to write reports for next session:

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS

Biblical Recorder, H. C. Whitener; Hospitals, Mrs. J. T. McLean, Sr.; Woman's Work, W. R. Bradshaw; Orphanage, C. M. Robinson; Sunday Schools, A. T. Fox; Temperance, O. Joe Howard; B. Y. P. U., L. V. Padgett; Christian Education, J. W. Kesterson; State Missions, T. H. Roach; Home Missions, C. D. Barton; Foreign Missions, Eph Whisenhunt; Obituaries, W. L. Walters; Digest of Letters, T. C. Singleton; Ministers' Relief, L. L. Hatfield.

T. C. Singleton read the following report:

THE WOMEN'S WORK

There will be no attempt in this paper to give a full report of this, the

greatest Auxiliary of our Southern Baptist Convention work. We are aware of the fact that this cannot be done in the time and space allotted to this most important subject.

The W. M. U. work of this State has been one of the most potent factors in all our denominational work of any other department of our work. Theirs have not only been to stimulate the Missionary spirit and the grace of giving but they have done a noble work in Soul-winning.

They have gone about their delightful, yet hard task, in a unified courageous way, and have accomplished a work comparable to none other, from center to circumference in our great State. All the way from the President Mrs. Wesley N. Jones to leader of the smallest group of Sunbeams in all this State, we come to give thanks to Almighty God for what they have been led to do for our Lord and His Kingdom's Work.

The Annual Meeting at Winston-Salem, N. C., March 31, and April 2, was, perhaps, the most glorious in all the pages of history. The reports were the most thrilling and inspiring ever heard. By the efforts of these consecrated women our state is taking its stand at the forefront of all our States.

In this great work of our association (South Fork Association) we will not be able to discuss, but simply refer to it briefly. The women's work has gone forward, by the organization of several divisions. The study of mission books and the enlistment of many new subscribers of the missionary literature, the increased stimulation in sacrificial giving, until we believe from the report at the last annual meeting at Maiden, that we will soon take our stand at the forefront with the other Associations of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. SINGLETON.

The report was discussed by T. C .Singleton, W. L. Poteat and Mrs. Eph Whisenhunt. The report was adopted by a rising vote.

W. R. Bradshaw made a motion that Mrs. Whisenhunt be requested to write out her address and let the Clerk of this association have it published in pamphlet form; and if he has not the money on hand to pay for the printing of it, call on some of the brethren of the association."

The motion carried unanimously.

L. V. Padgett read the following report:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

February 1, 1890, the Board of Ministerial Relief was organized in Wilmington, N. C. to care for our aged ministers. Since that date the matter has been constantly put before our people and they have responded loyally. Contributions have increased gradually and made it possible to care for a great many of our aged ministers. But only in a small way—not what we would call even a decent way, considering the wealth of the Baptists of our State that have been benefitted by the untiring efforts and sacrificial labors of our old ministers of the Gospel. Our contributions have grown from nothing, 36 years ago, to $137,124.93 up to the close of our last convention year May 1, 1925. That is the best year in the history of the board notwithstanding the great financial depression and shortage of receipts. The Board repeated itself last December in sending out Christmas checks to beneficiaries, amounts ranging from $5.00 to $10.00 each according to circumstances. We hope it will be possible to make this an annual habit. The Board is now carrying on its Roll: 1086 beneficiaries; 600 aged ministers, 386 widows and about 100 orphan children. The great, immediate,

and all but desperate need of this Board is a fund that will yield for general relief alone $100,000.00 per year in addition to what the Board would get from the regular budget. This statement has been made over and over again through our denominational press for the past two years. We must continue to press it. Every minister of course knows that sooner or later, if he lives, he must retire to private life. It is sweet and assuring to know that when the time comes he can do so holding his head up and walking with self-respect among his brethren of the calling. Because there has been a small amount at least set aside by the brethren he has served, and others, to supplement his own meager means. So that in the latter days of his earthly life he does not have to eke out a bare existence.

Now what we want to do is to bring just such a situation into our Southern Baptist Ministry. The new plan, when once in operatoin will absolutely do this.

Respectfully submitted,
L. V. PADGETT.

The report was discussed by L. V. Padgett and adopted.

W. B. McClure read the following report:

OBITUARIES

We should remember it is written in his last words to men, Revelations 14:13, and I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, write; Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord, from henceforth yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

Since the last association we have lost by death the following:

Lincolnton, First	3
Olivet	1
Warlicks Chapel	2
Penelope	2
Providence	1
River View	1
Lincolnton Avenue	2
Gibsonville	1
Macedonia	1
Kids Chapel	1
Hickory, First	2
Highland	3
Newton, First	2
Catawba	2
Denver	1
Lawing's Chapel	2
Brookford	1
Maiden	2
Mt. Ruhama	1
Total	31

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. McCLURE.

The report was discussed by W. B. McClure, T. C. Singleton, and adopted.

S. T. Goddy stated that owing to the limitde time he had and the lack of some church letters, he could not give a full digest of letters, only as follows: Increase of members, 400; increase of finances, $5,000.00.

The Executive Committee submitted the following:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of the South Fork Association met at Newton on Monday, November 24, 1924. The meeting was called to order by J. Y. Killian, chairman. J. Y. Killian was re-elected chairman and S. T. Gaddy clerk and trustee for handling the South Fork Scholarship Fund.

After discussing matters of interest the Baptist work in the bounds of the association, applications for aid from the State Mission Board were received and the following recommendations made:

Penelope Church, Catawba County	$150.00
Windy City Mission, Hickory, Catawba County	50.00
North Newton, Catawba County	250.00
Startown, Catawba County	75.00
Denver Church, Lincoln County	200.00
Long Shoals Church, Lincoln County	75.00

The Long Shoals application was referred to the vice-moderator of the association and the Lincoln county members of the executive committee to investigate and report back to the chairman of the committee at once what they recommend in the matter.

Miss Mary Misenheimer having met the requirements for the scholarship and desiring to return to Meredith College, was awarded the scholarship for this year.

J. Y. KILLIAN, Chairman Executive Committee.

S. T. Gaddy submitted the following report.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT (SCHOLARSHIP FUND)

Amount on hand last year	$2,776.81
Interest collected	172.62
	$2,949.43
Paid on Scholarships	300.00
	$2,649.43
Accrued Interest to 10-1-25	81.34
	$2,730.77
Funds Invested:	
Maiden Graded School	$ 600.00
Claremont Hosiery Mills	1,141.56
Fidelity Hosiery Mills	907.87
	$2,649.43

S. T. GADDY, Trustee.

The reports were adopted jointly.

On motion 700 copies of the minutes of this meeting were ordered printed and the Clerk was allowed the sum of $25.00 for his services.

There being no further business, the association adjourned to meet with Macedonia Church on Thursday after the Fourth Sunday in September, 1926, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Song: "Bless Be the Tie That Binds." Prayer, C. M. Robinson, leading.

OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator.
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.
2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.
3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.
4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.
5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members, two from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. One from each section of the Association to serve one year, one from each section for two years, one from each section for three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the 1st day of each session a Committee of three to nominate the mmebers of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.
6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.
7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at 10 a. m. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Association.
8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee at each session of the Association of two members to prepare a program for the succeeding session, and that the same be incorporated in the minutes; and that the pastor of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be included in the program committee, making the committee consist of three.

BY-LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.
3. The hours for business shall be: Meet at 9:00 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.
4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.
5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Kelfoots Parliamentary Practice."
6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Sundays of Preaching	GAIN BY				LOST BY			Total Membership
		Baptism	Letter	Statement	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death	
Antioch	1st S	6	3			8	4		28
Bethel	1st S		5			2			67
Brookford	Ev S	11	8	1		6	1	1	203
Catawba	1st & 3rd	9	1			1		2	133
Cedar Grove	2nd S	3				2			56
Center View	1st & 3rd	7	8			2	1		113
Corinth	4th S	4	3						121
Denver	2nd & 4th	2				1		1	30
Faith	4th S	1				2			27
Gainesville	2nd & 4th	11	20					1	115
Goodsonville	1st & 3rd	1	9			16		1	93
Hickory First	Ev S	36	37			39		2	673
Highland	Ev S	37	23	4	1	8	3	3	271
Kids Chapel	3rd S	2						2	25
Lawing Chapel	2nd S	1	2		1	5		2	143
Leonards Fork	2nd & 4th	5				4			80
Lincolnton First	Ev S	31	24		3	28	2	3	299
Lincolnton Avenue	1, 2 & 4	32	27	4		12		2	219
Long Shoals	3rd S		2			3			24
Macedonia	1st & 3rd	13	12			3		1	254
Maiden	Ev S	24	10			20		2	342
Mountain Grove	2nd & 4th	8	4					1	109
Mt. Ruhama	1st & 3rd	4	5			1	1	1	199
Mountain View	3rd S	30				5		1	116
Mount Zion	3rd S	6			1	2			128
Newton First	Ev S				3	16		2	185
North Newton	1st & 3rd		1			7	3		75
Olivet	2nd & 4th	9				3		1	156
Penelope	Ev S	27	17			17		2	277
Providence	1st & 3rd	8				2			128
Reepsville	1st & 3rd	8	2			2			82
River View	2nd & 4th	14	14			11	2	1	123
Salem	2nd & 4th	4	5	2		3	1	1	63
Sharon	1st S	4				3			68
Startown	1 & 3 S E					2			10
Warlicks	1st S	5	1	1		1	11	2	66
Webbs Chapel	1st S	7	2						51
West Hickory	Ev S	25	40	2		10	8	1	236
Totals		396	265	14	9	245	39	36	5288

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, ETC.

CHURCH	When Organized	PASTORS	Value of Church Property	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE
Antioch	1922	C. A. Abernethy	$ 1,000	L. P. Caldwell, High Shoals, N. C.
Bethel	1895	B. H. Laughridge	1,200	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton, N. C.
Brookford	1907	J. H. Boggs	5,000	I. C. Adams, Brookford, N. C.
Catawba	1874	R. Lee Davis	5,300	C. W. Ervin, Catawba, N. C.
Cedar Grove	1902	A. L. Campbell	600	Clyde Michael, Newton, R. 3
Center View	1915	L. A. McClure	2,500	J. F. Hovis, Lincolnton, R. 3
Corinth	1884	H. B. Chronister	2,000	C. O. Ritchey, Vale, R. 4
Denver	1914	C. M. Robinson	2,500	Horace D. Abernethy, Denver, N. C.
Faith	____	W. E. Bost	1,200	B. E. Ballard, Iron Station, N. C.
Gainesville	1923	L. A. Bangle	3,000	Calvin Houser, Crouse, N. C.
Goodsonville	1922	T. H. Roach	2,500	O. M. Clipard, Lincolnton, N. C.
Hickory First	1870	W. R. Bradshaw	90,000	Edgar L. Fox, Hickory, N. C.
Highland	1912	H. C. Whitener	30,000	A. T. Fox, Hickory, N. C.
Kids Chapel	1872	B. H. Laughridge	1,500	W. A. Poole, Iron Station, R. 1
Lawing Chapel	1907	L. C. Douthit	2,500	Samuel Bandy, Lincolnton, N. C.
Leonards Fork	1884	W. L. Walters	1,000	J. W. Hoover, Crouse, N. C.
Lincolnton First	1859	Eph Whisenhunt	77,000	R. H. Harrill, Lincolnton, N. C.
Lincolnton Avenue	1910	B. H. Laughridge	2,500	Z. V. Dellinger, Lincolnton, N. C.
Long Shoals	____	W. E. Bost	1,800	Bennett Williams, Lincolnton, N. C.
Macedonia	1886	W. B. McClure	9,000	W. W. Lawing, Lincolnton, N. C.
Maiden	1891	J. W. Kesterson	1,500	T. H. Caldwell, Maiden, N. C.
Mountain Grove	1881	Lee J. Jones	4,000	C. S. Eckard, Hickory, R. 1
Mt. Ruhama	1816	C. M. Robinson	3,500	Geo. W. Caldwell, Newton, R. 2
Mountain View	1893	W. B. McClure	1,500	M. O. Gilleland, Maiden, N. C.
Mt. Zion	1869	B. H. Laughridge	2,000	M. J. Hager, Alexis, N. C.
Newton First	1881	T. C. Singleton	45,000	M. L. Bolick, Newton, N. C.
North Newton	1921	A. L. Campbell	3,300	Mrs. J. E. Link, Newton, N. C.
Olivet	1837	C. M. Robinson	3,500	J. T. Ervin, Catawba, N. C.
Penelope	1888	M. I. Harris	10,000	C. C. Kees, Hickory, R. 4
Providence	1878	M. I. Harris	1,000	R. L. Asherbraner, Vale, N. C.
Reepsville	1899	P. W. Bangle	1,500	O. E. Sronce, Vale, R. 1
River View	1899	T. H. Roach	8,000	R. L. Chronister, Lincolnton, N. C.
Salem	1849	A. L. Campbell	1,000	Clarence Helms, Lincolnton, R. 6
Sharon	1884	W. E. Bost	600	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station, N. C.
Startown	____	T. C. Singleton	400	Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Newton, N. C. R.
Warlick	1875	H. B. Chronister	1,500	Edgar Berry, Icard, N. C.
Webbs Chapel	1892	W. W. Rimmer	1,500	F. B. Carpenter, Lincolnton, N. C.
West Hickory	1907	C. D. Barton	9,000	W. A. Lutz, West Hickory, N. C.

HOME EXPENSES

CHURCHES	Pastors' Salaries	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Etc.	Help to the Poor	Minutes and Printing	Other Objects	Total for Church Expenses
Antioch	$ 46.95	$	$ 16.50	$ 69.41	$ 2.00	$ 16.35	$	$ 1.00	$	$ 150.21
Bethel	150.00		25.00		.50	28.21		3.25		206.96
Brookford	1,040.00	126.00	78.00	102.00	16.00	206.37		2.00		1,609.37
Catawba	250.00		66.00	45.00	110.30	58.59		3.00		432.89
Cedar Grove	75.00		23.00					1.00		99.00
Center View	201.30	27.50	89.64		3.00			2.20		323.64
Corinth	215.00		62.00	300.00		20.95		4.00	10.00	611.95
Denver	150.00			8.00				1.10		159.10
Faith	85.00		18.35			5.55	6.25	.50		115.65
Gainesville	225.00			1,200.00				1.50		1,426.50
Goodsonville	700.00		100.00		200.00	242.77	79.00	3.00	5.00	1,329.77
Hickory First	3,480.00	590.75	200.00	5,084.04	820.12	525.00	233.00	25.00	297.50	11,255.41
Highland	2,000.00	65.00	85.26	9,739.21	307.55	307.07		7.00	40.79	12,551.88
Kids Chapel	75.00		25.00	17.50	1.50	12.00		.60		131.60
Lawing Chapel	244.40			600.00		36.99		.90	15.90	898.19
Leonards Fork	250.00		36.50		2.00			1.00	45.00	334.50
Lincolnton First	2,333.40	165.99	142.00	4,071.49	184.58	372.06	15.00	5.00	242.91	7,532.43
Lincolnton Avenue	748.00	25.00	290.18	42.10	251.59	207.14	76.74	3.00	43.91	1,687.67
Long Shoals	36.00		32.00			12.00		1.25		81.25
Macedonia	414.02		52.00				9.37	1.20		476.59
Maiden	1,219.00	104.00	343.78	465.00	116.22	140.50	15.00	5.50	245.32	2,654.32
Mountain Grove	350.00		81.00			36.10		2.75		469.85
Mt. Ruhama	494.25	5.00	40.00		4.15	17.66	29.40	4.00	49.15	643.56
Mountain View	194.22		40.00					3.00		237.22
Mt. Zion	221.00		80.00		6.92	20.45	29.00	2.00	50.00	409.37
Newton First	1,600.00	13.50		1,436.21	181.89	161.39		5.00	236.50	3,634.49
North Newton	172.00		26.50	30.00	15.00	58.77		.90		303.17
Olivet	800.00		101.64	195.06	20.00	205.00		3.00		1,324.70
Penelope	1,079.17		102.93	2,908.30	30.00	179.38	65.35	2.50	128.55	4,496.18
Providence	200.00	28.00	50.00			18.00		1.00	17.00	314.00
Reepsville	100.00		20.00					1.50		121.50
River View	800.00		142.83	1,795.00	5.60	51.19	23.25	3.00	217.08	3,037.95
Salem	252.67		20.00		2.50	14.85			18.46	308.48
Sharon			31.00		.65	14.61		1.25	13.00	60.51
Startown	35.00		10.00	5.00						50.00
Warlick	185.25		50.00			15.92	15.25	2.00	16.42	284.84
Webbs Chapel	100.00	2.00	25.23	2.00				.45		129.68
West Hickory	1,200.00	100.00	108.16	217.89	211.23	182.69	29.86	5.00	76.34	2,131.17
Totals	$21,721.63	$1,252.74	$2,614.50	$28,328.21	$2,493.20	$3,167.56	$626.47	$110.35	$2,768.83	$61,988.49

BENEVOLENT OBJECTS

CHURCHES	75-Million Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Christian Education	Orphanage	Hospitals	Ministerial Relief	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences
Amity	$ 16.50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 16.50
Bethel						50.00				50.00
Brookford		50.00	25.00	125.00		4.41				204.41
Catawba		37.51	11.70	61.76		108.56	18.24			237.77
Center View		21.30	9.00	9.75		66.90				96.95
Corinth	57.12			2.88						60.00
Faith	6.30					13.30				19.60
Gainesville			2.50			4.00		3.50		10.00
Goodsonville		13.55		20.46		12.00				36.01
Hickory First	2739.30			83.00		1,090.00				3,912.30
Highland	358.32	15.96		35.92		246.33	11.25			667.78
Kids Chapel		4.00	4.00	4.00		10.00	4.00			26.00
Lawing Chapel	29.15			12.27		10.76				52.30
Leonards Fork	45.00		3.00	2.00		2.00				52.00
Lincolnton First	360.49	46.60	11.50	136.80	22.28	414.66	77.95	31.14	262.45	1,363.87
Lincolnton Avenue	115.23	44.87				36.32	5.00			201.42
Macedonia		12.00	6.00	3.00		12.00	2.04			35.04
Maiden	133.70		5.00	36.50		151.61	1.30			328.11
Mountain Grove			30.00	41.18	4.00	122.32				233.50
Mt. Ruhama	28.25					21.00				49.25
Mountain View			15.12	12.00						27.12
Mt. Zion		15.00	15.00	15.00		36.75				81.75
Newton First	27.00	31.64	31.64	31.64	150.00	247.08	16.65		30.00	535.65
North Newton		5.00	7.00	8.00	4.00	20.00	6.25		10.50	60.75
Olivet	839.28		14.03	105.66	5.63	72.32	7.72			1,030.64
Penelope	244.50			25.21		58.00	20.00		10.00	357.71
Providence	63.45									63.45
River View	86.67	17.25	24.00	12.80	4.00	125.71		5.75		276.18
Salem	6.00		10.00	10.00		20.00	9.50			55.50
Sharon	11.50									11.50
Warlicks	27.25			2.20						29.45
Webbs Chapel		5.00	5.00			11.15				21.15
West Hickory	202.43	13.50	14.93	142.56	9.55	13.95	13.15			410.07
Totals	$508.08	$333.18	$244.42	$939.61	$199.46	$2,981.33	$183.05	$40.39	$312.95	$6,512.47

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediate 13-16 Years	Seniors and Adults 17-21 and up	Cradle Roll to 3 Years	Home Department	Total Enrollment	Baptisms from School	Contributions for All Objects
Antioch	C. L. Devine, Lincolnton, R. 4	4			13	19	5			41	6	$ 31.50
Bethel	W. B. Mullen, Lincolnton N. C.	7		16	11		38			72		11.70
Brookford	L. C. Adams, Brookford, N. C.	15	20	30	22	15	66			168	6	66.04
Catawba	C. W. Ervin, Catawba, N. C.	10	17	18	10	12	41			108	9	28.86
Cedar Grove	John Beard, Newton, N. C.	5	12		14	9	12			40	8	
Center View	Walter Laney, Maiden, N. C.	11								146	7	73.71
Corinth	R. P. Hoover, Vale, R. 4	7								100	3	16.18
Faith	P. L. Sigmon, Alexis, N. C.	5	6	7		6	10			34		
Gainesville	W. P. Martin, Lincolnton, R. 1	7		24	32	25	23			103	3	
Goodsonville	J. P. Williams, Lincolnton, N. C.	9	25	9	15	13	37			99		10.00
Hickory First	T. P. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C.	36	35	55	90	95	172	60	50	593	30	1,250.04
Highland	A. T. Fox, Hickory, N. C.	42	41	35	53	76	201	39	40	527	36	1,050.38
Kids Chapel	H. A. Keener, Iron Station, N. C.	6	6	7	10	4	18			51		
Lawings Chapel	R. B. Cook, Lincolnton, R. 4	11	11	8	21	26	30	9		116		46.45
Lincolnton First	L. V. Padgett, Lincolnton, N. C.	29	18	40	43	31	83	39	16	299	17	884.57
Lincolnton Avenue	I. A. Hallman, Lincolnton, N. C.	10								250		
Long Shoals	Bennett Williams, Lincolnton, N. C.	6								30		
Macedonia	M. L. Cash, Lincolnton, N. C.	9	31	28		23	65			147	11	7.22
Maiden	J. W. Williams, Maiden, N. C.	14	21	80	45	38	222			420	23	
Mountain Grove	C. S. Eckard, Hickory, R. 1	9		25	19	16	53			113	4	28.72
Mt. Ruhama	Robt. Drum, Newton, R. 2	10								207	2	
Mountain View	W. W. Moose, Maiden, N. C.	7								110	27	
Mt. Zion	L. H. Helderman, Alexis, N. C.	8								93	5	76.46
Newton First	J. W. Hendricks, Newton, N. C.	13	29	18	29	21	108			218		408.47
North Newton	J. R. Whisnant, Newton, N. C.	10	30	9	9	26	52			136		16.12
Olivet	Osborne Brown, Long Island, N. C.	15	18	17	39	35	60			184	6	365.49
Penelope	W. T. Harris, Hickory, N. C.	25	41	61	69	47	112	34	7	396	26	29.31
Providence	M. S. Brittain, Vale, N. C.	8	10	10	12	15	25			80	4	
Reepsville	Kinley Sronce, Vale, R. 1	6	10	10	14	9	21			70		
River View	R. L. Chronister, Lincolnton, N. C.	10	31	26	29	36	82			214	11	
Salem	F. D. Helms, Iron Station, N. C.	7	14	8	20	35				84	4	9.50
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station, N. C.	7		17	15	21	13			73	2	
Startown												
Warlicks	Leet Nox, Hickory, R. 4	6		10	10	20	31			77	3	7.60
Webbs Chapel	S. O. Murphy, Lincolnton, N. C.	6	3	6	7	10	7	3		42		
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy, West Hickory	18	82	22	55	32	111			320	25	274.21
	Totals	408	511	496	706	715	1698	184	113	5761	278	$4,732.93

Program for the 1926 Session of the Association

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

THURSDAY

10:00 a. m. ..... Annual Sermon
10:45 a. m. ..... Organization
11:00 a. m. ..... Biblical Recorder
11:30 a. m. ..... Other Religious Literature
11:50 a. m. ..... Miscellaneous
12:00 a. m. ..... Adjournment

AFTERNOON

1:00 p. m. ..... Devotional
1:15 p. m. ..... Miscellaneous
1:30 p. m. ..... Orphanage
2:00 p. m. ..... Sunday School
2:30 p. m. ..... B. Y. P. U.
3:00 p. m. ..... Minister's Relief
3:30 p. m. ..... Adjournment

NIGHT SESSION

7:15 p. m. ..... Devotional
7:30 p. m. ..... Miscellaneous
7:45 p. m. ..... Temperance
8:15 p. m. ..... Christian Education
9:00 p. m. ..... Adjournment

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 a. m. ..... Devotional
9:45 a. m. ..... Reading and Approval of Minutes
9:55 a. m. ..... Reports of Committees
10:00 a. m. ..... State Missions
10:30 a. m. ..... Home Missions
11:00 a. m. ..... Foreign Missions
11:30 a. m. ..... Obituaries
11:45 a. m. ..... Digest of Church Letters
12:00 a. m. ..... Adjournment

AFTERNOON

1:00 p. m. ..... Devotional
1:15 p. m. ..... Two Minutes Report from each Church
2:15 p. m. ..... Woman's Work
2:45 p. m. ..... Report of Executive Committee
3:00 p. m. ..... Miscellaneous
3:15 p. m. ..... Adjournment

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REV. W. B. McCLURE,
REV. J. W. KESTERSON, Committee

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PROCEEDINGS

South Fork Baptist Association convened in its forty-eighth Annual Session with Macedonia Church on Thursday, September 30, 1926, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

W. W. Rimmer conducted the song and praise service which closed with the son, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," and prayer by R. C. Campbell.

The annual sermon was preached by C. D. Barton. The subject was "Missions." The text was the "commission" given by Christ, as rcorded in Matthew, 21st chapter.

Moderator Osborne Brown called the Association to order. The roll of churches was called. Thirty-seven churches out of 39 answered present, and the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Antioch—C. C. Martin, C. L. Devine.

Bethel—B. F. Wilson, W. C. Mullen, Mrs. W. E. Bost.

Brookford—J. H. Boggs, Mrs. J. H. Boggs, Mrs. J. T. Elders.

Catawba—R. H. Brown, John Danner.

Center View—J. P. Turbyfill, C. L. Harris, John Link, M. C. Laney.

Corinth—H. B. Chronister, George Whitworth, Clayton Propst, Clayton Stallings.

Denver—B. L. Beal, James Hager.

Faith—Coit Norwood, O. P. Ballard.

Gainsville—C. C. Houser, W. P. Martin, C. A. Aderholt.

Goodsonville—Gladis Goodson, Dessie Ritchie.

Hickory First—R. C. Campbell, J. R. Hosley, O. Joe Howard, L. L. Hatfield, J. D. Elliott, J. F. Click, C. B. Prevette.

Highland—Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Ivey, R. A. Self, Mrs. C. D. Hyder, Mrs. R. C. Harrison.

Kidsville Chapel—W. F. Keener, Mrs. W. F. Keener, Mrs. D. A. Poole.

Lawing Chapel—E. S. Whisnant, R. B. Cook, T. L. Crouse, W. H. Caldwell, G. S. Whisnant.

Leonard's Fork—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Mrs. Ellen Heavner.

Lincolnton First—L. V. Padgett, Mrs. J. T. McLean, Miss Florence Linch, Mrs. L. V. Padgett.

Lincolnton Avenue—E. M. Hallman, Mrs. J. A. Hallman, Mrs. P. W. Mull.

Long Shoals—A. L. Whitesides.

Macedonia—W. F. Lee, J. B. Ewing, J. A. Williams, W. A. Potts.

Maiden—V. S. Turbyfill, N. E. Laney, T. H. Caldwell, Garmon Hoyle, Joe Whitener, R. H. Cline, Miss Dell Abernethy, Mrs. T. H. Caldwell.

Mountain Grove—Calvin Baker, Raymon Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Huffman.

Mt. Ruhama—George W. Caldwell, L. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drum.

Mountain View—M. M. Moore, L. P. Gilleland.

Mount Zion—P. L. Sigmon, H. B. Jones, Alimae Ballard, Eulada McClure, Huston Helderman.

Newton First—A. L. Ervin, S. T. Gaddy, H. J. Cloch.

North Newton—J. R. Whisnant, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Spencer, Mrs. Charlie Whitener.

Olivet—W. W. Ervin, J. N. Arndt, Vernon Robins, Ross Elliott.

Penelope—Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Chrisopher.

Piney Grove—J. P. Abernethy, P. E. Caldwell.
Providence—W. F. Huffman, T. S. Abee.
Reepsville—McKinley Sronce, Charlie Sronce, John Helmns.
River View—T. H. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Punch, Mrs. R. A. Coffey.
Salem—John R. Avery, Clarence Helmns.
Sharon—R. E. Hovis, Jessie Dellinger, Daniel Dellinger.
Webbs Chapel—F. B. Carpenter, S. O. Murphey, W. W. Rimmer.
West Hickory—C. D. Barton, C. O. Beach.
Warlick's—George Knox, Foster Fullbright.

The moderator announced that the first business was, the election of officers, and called R. C. Campbell to the chair.

Being no contests, the following officers were elected by acclimation: Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice Moderator, R. C. Campbell; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, S. T. Gaddy.

The moderator had the new pastors in the Association to stand for recognition. They were: R. C. Campbell, of Hickory First; James A. Ivey, of Highland; and A. L. Whitesides, of Long Shoals.

The following visitors in like manner, were recognized: S. W. Bennett and W. T. Sherrill, of Caldwell Association; C. A. Lineberger of Catawba Association; C. A. Caldwell, O. W. Triplett, J. W. Ballard, and J. J. Beach, of Gaston County Association; and W. R. Beach, representative of Biblical Recorder.

The program for the session was taken up and rendered with such changes as were necessary. James A. Ivey read the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

This is a reading age. There is an abundance of reading material, both good and bad. The unsophiscated youth too often has access to the bad to the neglect of the good. The home and the church are the two insttiutions on which we can depend to select and provide the right kind of reading matter.

The crying need for informed, intelligent Baptist rings out in every nook and corner of Baptist Zion the world over. Not until we inform ourselves and know what we are about will we give ourselves in fullest capacity to the carrying on of the Baptist message "into all the world." In North Carolina The Biblical Recorder gives itself to the task of informing the Baptist of our great state in all things pertaining to Baptist work and achievevments.

It is unthinkable that a Baptist preacher living in the state should not be reading The Recorder, yet there are many in the state, we hope however, there are none in our own association. No Baptist church should be satisfied until every home in its membership are receiving The Recorder. May God hasten the day when the South Fork Association as individuals and as a whole shall be readers of the Baptist Organ of the State.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES A. IVEY,
For the Committee.

The report was discussed by W. R. Beach, and adopted.

Mrs. J. T. McLean read the following:

REPORT ON HOSPITAL

There's a wonderful story of healing and mercy told of our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. Fathers, mothers and children have come

to us with heart-breaking pleas and we have received them all and in most cases sent them home well and happy. It can well be said, "The blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

Five thousand patients have been treated, 1,800 of them last year and over 400 of the 1,800 were charity. These come from every part of the State. Right now there are patients from Mt. Airy, Sylva, Weldon, Fletcher, Norwood, Durham, Henderson, Sanford, Macon, Granite Falls and Burlington, besides those from Winston-Salem. The charity cases come in greater numbers than we are able to treat but the question is which one must we turn away?

The cost of our work is $20,000.00 and up to July only $12,000.00 had been received, this from Mother's Day offering. No funds on hand and a debt for what has been done. It is a pity to turn away our Baptist sick just because they are poor and their own local churches refuse to help.

The hospital is well equipped and the accommodations the best. The death record demonstrates the power of prayer in healing the sick. How can our churches refuse to rally to the support of such an institution? They will be compelled to turn down numbers of these worthy ones unless something is done to supply the needed funds.

The budget funds are far too small to meet the debts on the building, which come due this year. There must be more stress put upon Mother's Day and Sunday School offerings.

Our women are trying to build the Blanche Barrus Memorial Home for Nurses, which, when completed, would increase the revenue of the Hospital by giving rooms now used by nurses for patients. This would open to the public 21 extra beds.

Men, help us give the girls a comfortable, pleasant place to stay and thus enlarge our opportunities for healing. Members of the South Fork Association, come to the rescue and save in its infancy this wonderful cause, thereby giving and receiving a blessing.

MRS. J. T. M'LEAN, SR.

The report was discussed by Mrs. McLean and C. A. Lineberger and adopted.

The Moderator appointed R. C. Campbell as a committee of one to audit the Treasurer's books, and report same to this body.

By motion, the Association adjourned until 1:00 P. M. for dinner, which was ready on a long table in the grove, loaded with every good thing to eat, which all enjoyed to the fullest.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled at the song, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood." H. B. Chronister read a lesson found in the 16th chapter of Matthews. Prayer by Loy Lineberger.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by W. S. Bennett.

The following visitors were recognized and made welcome: A. C. Hamby, representative of the State Mission Board; and L. R. Williams, of French Broad River Association.

W. W. Rimmer asked for a letter for Webbs Chapel church to join the Gaston County Association. The letter was granted, and the clerk was authorized to send it.

J. A. Ivey submitted the following:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to draw an outline map of this Association, locating the various Baptist churches in it, giving their names, the distance, and that the map be inserted in the minutes this year.

The resolution was adopted, and the Moderator appointed on that committee: Jas. A. Ivey, Mrs. O. Joe Howard and K. L. Lineberger.

The Moderator appointed the following special committees:

To nominate three members of the Executive Committee: J. H. Boggs, T. H. Roach, W. B. McClure.

To select place and preacher for next session: R. C. Campbell, H. B. Chronister, A. L. Ervin.

The reports on Missions were submitted, and read as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

In the words of our corresponding secretary: "The need for enlarged work in North Carolina, was never greater than now." There are 2,300 white Baptist churches in the Convention, and, according to our records, over 600 gave nothing to the cooperative program last year.

We will never solve our financial difficulties until we have enlisted every Baptist church of the Convention in the support of the cooperative program budget. We must begin in earnest from this day forward to preach Stewardship, and the tithe as a minimum for every Baptist in the Convention.

If we had the tithe of the Baptist money in North Carolina, instead of $450,000 for the cooperative program given last year, we would have more than $3,000,000 for kingdom purposes this year.

In view of the foregoing facts, we, your committee, therefore, urge upon our people to cooperate with our corresponding secretary in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. ROACH.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Through the grace and providence of God, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has passed the eighty-first anniversary of its organization. To Him whom the Board was created to honor and whose world-will it was appointed to serve be glory and praise! During the year three of our most faithful missionaries have been transferred "Beyond the Golden Gate." David Perry Appleby, in Bello Horizonte, Brazil; Silas Emmett Stephens, North China; and G. P. Bostick, of China, are now with the Lord.

The devil is fighting to hold his power in the heathen lands. In China there is disorder, confusion and banditry, but our work is advancing. His kingdom is coming. Our missionaries have been faithful, but many of them have broken under the cross which our churches at home have forced them to bear. Some have had to return home, others are waiting for us to do our part.

The receipts from the Cooperative Program have not met the needs. Our "Love Offering" of $811,344.11 helped some, but unless our churches do better in the future, God will have to depend on our Pedo-Baptist brethren to carry the Gospel to the heathen. Our record for the past few years constitute a serious problem for our denomination. In seven

years, our total gifts have increased 80.3 per cent, or $17,699,602.69. Our gifts to local church work have increased over 119 per cent, or $16,775,394.16. Our gifts to all missions, education and benevolences have increased only 12.6 per cent, or $924,208.43. In 1920 we gave 43.1 cents out of every dollar to missions and benevolences; in 1925 we gave only 21.2 cents out of the dollar to all missions.

The only hope of meeting the needs of our Foreign Mission Program is through our Co-operative Program. All our work must advance together. Therefore we should stand by our Co-operative Program. We would urge that our churches in the South Fork Baptist Assocation conduct a school of missions in each church or organize and teach special classes during the year. The Educational Department will be glad to co-operate with any church desiring to conduct a study class in missions.

EPH WHISENHUNT.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Our denominational papers have given most hearty commendation of the Home Mission work for the past year. The Board made a glorious report to the Southern Bapttist Convention in Houston, Texas, last May.

Notwithstanding the reeceipts were more than $100,000 short of those of the previous year, the year's work was most gratifying. Conversions and baptisms were numerous. The Home Board for years has been recognized as probably the greatest single evangelizing agency in America. Also the report of the Board shows a most gratifying tendency towards self-support. Mission stations and weak churches helped by the Board are in turn giving liberally to our denominational work—beneficiaries thus becoming benefactors.

Since the Convention met in Houston eleven years ago, the work of the Home Mission Board has gone steadily forward. Since that time, the workers—independent and cooperative—of the Home Mission Board have delivered 1,794,408 sermons and addresses; conducted more than 140,480 prayer meettings; made 3,069,975 religious visits; have added to the churches through baptism 405,796 members; total additions, 652,-312; volunteers for Christian service, 121,895; constituted 2,123 churches, built or improved 4,696 houses of worship, organized 7,148 Sunday-schools; distributeed 309,753 Bibles and Testaments, circulated 53,537,-829 pages of religious tracts. A great record, indeed!

The Board is laboring under a heavy debt contracted not from plunging but from a reduction in receipts for five years past. Retrenchment of the severest sort has been exercised each year. It will be almost suicidal for us to enforce further retrenchment in this great work. This report may well be closed by a brief statement from the last annuael report of the Board:

> "This is the greatest hour for Home Missions in the history of our country. The problems were never so acute, the demands so urgent, the opportunities so great and the obligations so overwhelming. This conviction is growing with thoughtful persons who realize the significance of America for the salvation of the world. America constitutes at once the greatest field and force in all the world for Christian civilization. Christian statesmen everywhere are beginning to realize this. Problems at home are as serious and complicated as those beyond the seas.
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> "Our country has become notorious for its disrespect for law, for its numerous murders, for its commercialism and materialism. Nothing but the mighty power of the Gospel of Christ will save us

from this deluge of worldly diversion and material prosperity. These things constitute a most serious problem which deserves the thoughtful consideration of our Convention. Our work abroad will advance apace as we lay the foundations at home."

The Board furnishes free of cost excellent tracts and leaflets on all phases of its work at headquarters, 804 Wynne-Claughton Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Your committee most cordially recommends that every church and individual in our bounds study this great department of our work and pray earnestly and give liberally for its success.

Respectfully submitted,
C. D. BARTON.

The reports were discussed by C. D. Barton, R. C. Campbell, J. A. Ivey, W. B. McClure, C. M. Robinson, and adopted.

By motion, the Co-operative Program was taken up and discussed by A. C. Hamby and others, and $8,000.00, by motion, was the amount pledged. The plan as amended was adopted.

By motion, Eph Whisenhunt was re-elected Associational Director by a unanimous vote.

L. L. Hatfield read the following:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention through its relief fund and its annuity fund, is grappling with a great and growing problem of providing for ministers, their widows and dependend orphans in the best possible way. This Board, located at Dallas, Texas, has made rapid progress in the work committed to it and there is a growing appreciation of its work on the part of the brotherhood throughout the South.

The permanent relief fund is still under $600,000.00 and the relief beneficiaries are receiving on an avrage less than $150.00 a year. To provide properly for nearly 1,200 beneficiaries of this fund, the Board must have a very much larger income. Still the amount that we now distribute to aged and infirm ministers and to widows and dependent orphans of ministers is bringing peace of mind and a degree of comfort to these denominational wards that is very gratifying.

Members of the Annuity Fund who have reached their 68th birthday or who have become permanently disabled are receiving the maximum amount promised in the membership certificate, namely—$500.00 per year.

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention at its last session in adopting the New Service Annuity plan, as recommended by the special Laymen's Committee and by the Relief and Annuity Board itself, has been hailed with satisfaction by thousands of ministers and by the brotherhood generally. The provisions of this plan mark a distinct advance in the work of the ministerial relief and the carrying out of these provisions will give to every participating minister, the widow and dependent orphans of every participating ministers, within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention a support worthy of our denomination, when they shall come to require it by reason of age, physical disability or dependency.

Some of the outstanding features of the New Service plan are as follows:

1st. An age annuity available at sixty-five for every active minister.

This plan builds to a retirement annuity of approximately 50 per cent of the average salary on a basis of thirty-five years of service. For instance on a basis of an average salary of $2,400.00 there will be eventually given an annuity of $1,200.00.

There will be guaranteed to every active minister participating in this plan, a minimum of 50 per cent of his salary (average) up to $600.00. Three-fifths of the retirement annuity will be continued to the widow.

2nd. Total and permanent disability prior to the age of sixty-five will entitle the participant to an annuity amounting to 40 per cent of the average annual salary during the five years preceding disability.

3rd. There will be a death benefit to the widow after the first year of membership, amounting to 75 per cent of the current year's salary of the minister but not to exceed $1,000.00.

4th. Minor children of disabled ministers will participate in this plan to receive $100.00 a year each up to the age of 18, with certain educational allowances up to the age of 21.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. HATFIELD.

The report was discussed by L. L. Hatfield, and adopted.

After a statement by the pastor of the church as to the homes for the delegates for supper and for the night, the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M. Prayer by C. M. Robinson.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association met according to adjournment. J. H. Boggs conducted the devotional exercise.

The Moderator called the Association to order. R. C. Campbell read the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Christ was a teacher. His disciples receives from Him, speaking to them as man never spake, a system of philosophy, more profound than Aristotle's or Plato's and infinitely greater in importance. It was from God. It was perfect. It could convert the soul. It makes wise the simple. It has endured, and it will endure forever. "It is more to be desired than gold, yea than much fine gold."

This philosophy was the wisdom which Christ taught. If there is anything worthy the name of Christian education it is this.

To teach this wisdom, was one thing for which the disciples were sent forth, saying: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Education void of this philosophy is not Christian education.

Notwithstanding all this, Christ's precepts cannot be taught in our public schools. The law forbids it.

Must we then give up Christian education?

There are two plausable reasons why Baptists must not:

1. Because Baptists profess to be Christ's disciples, and must obey Him, especially in that last great commission, to teach men to observe all things whatsoever he has commanded.

2. Because Baptists would lose too much. It would paralize our whole Baptist propaganda. It would eventually destroy us.

There is but one remedy. We must not surrender the education of

our children. At all events we must look well to the spiritual as well as to the physical and intellectual training of our children. Our state schools cannot do it, therefore we must look to our colleges, universities and secondary schools for this training.

Our leaders tell us that the educational problem of North Carolina Baptists, is one of finances. When we think of the task of our denominational schools competing with the state schools, where students pay only 18 per cent of the cost, and in our own Baptist School at Wake Forest, students pay about 40 per cent. At our other schools taken as a whole, students are paying about 66 per cent of the cost. We are face to face with the question of getting more money from our people to charge more tuition fees, etc. And if more is charged will not students go where it is cheaper? And if they do, what will become of our Baptist schools?

Within a few years we have lost all our high schools, save Boiling Springs. Wingate has become a junior college, and Buie's Creek is moving up to a standard junior college for 1927-28. Last year the enrollment of seven of our colleges and high schools, was 2,868. There were 466 graduates. The property value of these institutions is $3,-151,518.00.

When our Baptist State Convention was organized ninety-five years ago, there were about ten thousand Baptists in the state, and about twenty thousand Hardshells. Today we have nearly 367,000 white Baptists, and 250,000 negro Baptists and over 500 Indian Baptists. While the Hardshells number less than 10,000 and are fast dying out.

In 1830 we did not have a single college or school or newspaper. There were not more than five college graduates in the Baptist ministry in the state. But it is enough to inspire our Baptist host in the old North State to see the progress we have made in so short a time. Today, we have three standard colleges, two junior colleges, two academies and five home board mountain schools.

Igorance is the greatest stumbling block in the way of progress in all matters pertaining to the welfare of our people, whether it be social, political or spiritual. An informed person respects the rights of his fellowman, knows the human family are social beings, that they cannot live happily together without peace and harmony.

In view of the fact that our Christian colleges, schools and seminaries are the greatest assets of Southern Baptists, your committee recommends that the South Fork Association, give its unstinted and heartist support to all our Christian schools.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. KESTERSON.

The report was discussed by R. C. Campbell, J. H. Boggs, the Moderator, and adopted.

By motion, temperance was taken up with the understanding that it could be adopted when read tomorrow. It was discussed by H. B. Chronister and W. B. McClure.

The Association adjourned to meet at 9:00 A. M. tomorrow.

Prayer by W. B. McClure.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9:30 A. M. to the song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." K. L. Lineberger read a lesson in the 15th chapter of John. Prayer by L. A. McClure.

The Moderator called the Association to order, and appointed the

following committee to nominate a delegate and alternate to the Southern Baptist Convention—L. A. McClure, M. I. Harris, E. S. Whisnant.

E. N. Gardner, of Thomasville orphanage, was recognized.

J. H. Boggs, for the committee to nominate three members of the executive committee, named the following: A. T. Fox, L. V. Padgett, and J. Y. Killian.

By motion, the above nominees were elected.

The committee to nominate two delegates and alternates to the Baptist State Convention, reported the following: R. C. Campbell, L. V. Padgett; alternates, L. A. McClure, Osborne Brown.

C. M. Robinson read the following:

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Our Baptist people of North Carolina have always manifested the deepest interest in the welfare of helpless and dependent children. The orphanage occupies a high and honorable place in their associational and convention programs. It is never side-tracked or ignored in our general meetings.

From the beginning of its history more than forty years ago, it has been a cherished object in our church life, and its grip on the hearts of our people grows with the passing years. From a trickling stream it has become a broad, deep river requiring a vast outlay to meet the necessities of its ever widening work.

Five hundred and eighty-seven children, including those at the Kennedy Home, were enrolled in the orphanage in the last report. Besides directly under the care of the institution there are 373 being assisted under the "Mother's Aid" plan. The first families aided under this plan was in the year 1920; since then help has been given to 550 children. The percapita cost of aiding these children is $5.22 per month, while the cost of maintaining those at the Orphanage, including everything, is $24.92 per capita per month.

The Orphanage school has eleven grades running from the kindergarten up. Above the nursery age all the boys and girls have duties—one half the day being devoted to school and the other half to domestic, field and mechanical work. A well organized church, with an active and consecrated young pastor, furnishes a fine opportunity for the development of the moral and religious life of the community. Cultivation of the missionary spirit in Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., Missionary society, Sunbeam Bands and other agencies is especially emphasized.

Since the fervor of the 75 million campaign has passed contributions to the current fund have fallen off, last year's receipts being $30,000 less than the year before. The treasurer has been compelled to pay interest on borrowed money for the past two years.

We urge our Sunday schools to increase their monthly collections, and our churches to enlarge Thanksgiving offerings; that every Sunday school take Charity and Children on the club plan, and that all our people give one day's income to the institution or a special thank offering.

C. M. ROBINSON.

The report was discussed by C. M. Robinson, E. N. Gardner, S. T. Gaddy and adopted.

J. A. Ivey read the report on Sunday Schools, L. V. Padgett the report on B. Y. P. U., K. L. Lineberger read his report as the Associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Worker as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

There are in our Association 39 churches. In these churches there are 37 Sunday schools; five of which are standard. In these churches there are 5,288 members. In our Sunday schools there are 5,761 members. While this is true and speaks well for our Sunday schools, yet there are hundreds of our church members not in Sunday school, besides a much greater number of unsaved to be reached.

Last year our church membership gain by baptism was 396, of this number 278 came through our Sunday schools. This also speaks well for our Sunday schools, but what a great number still unreached?

In our Sunday schools we find our best opportunity of winning the lost. In them we find the best place to do service for our Lord. It is our only organization that teaches the word of God. Surely there is no other organization of so much importance to our Lord's cause as the Sunday School.

Who will do this work. Hundreds of Godly men and women idle, unenlisted in service, will gladly and gloriously do this great work, if enlisted and trained. They are doing it.

In our Association there are five standard Sunday schools. These schools are doing a wonderful work, because they have trained workers and efficient organizations. Any Sunday school that will put on a program involving the five objectives mentioned below, can have a Sunday school that will be alive in the work of our Master:

(1) The organization of our schools need enlarging and improving. Take a census and build your organization large enough for your possibilities.

(2) The specifications for building a good Sunday school must be known. Adopt the standard of excellence as a program of work.

(3) Surely the greatest thing for our Sunday schools is Teacher training. Have a class in "Building a Standard Sunday School," the Manuel and other training books.

(4) May we say the very best thing possible to do is get a good teacher to teach the training class. How very fortunate we are to have reside in our own Association, two able men in this work of training and advising us. We heartily commend them to you, Mr. J. N. Barnett of Hickory, N. C., and Mr. K. Loy Lineberger, of Hickory, N. C. If you can get either of these two men they will greatly help you in the work.

(5) Keep on trying the things suggested in the standard of excellence until you have done them all. There is no better program of work.

Will not every Sunday school take as its objective and plans for this year, six things?

(1) Enlargement. Gain 500 in our Sunday school membership this year. Provide adequate Sunday school buildings.

(2) Organize. Grade and departmentize every Sunday school.

(3) Standardize. Have 15 standard schools.

(4) Train workers. Earn 500 Sunday school Normal awards this year.

(5) Enlist and utilize hundreds of church members now idle and untrained.

(6) Evangelize. Win to Christ in our Sunday schools this year 500.

In conclusion may I truly say that we the Baptist people of the South Fork Association are highly blessed by God. Prosperity, Peace and happiness reign from one side of our Association to the other.

Shall we not in our love and appreciation for all these things, determine to not only put our Sunday school work alongside of our other

things, but give it first place in our thinking and planning that the blessings of God may continue upon us and that his Kingdom might be extended.

Respectfully submitted,
A. T. FOX.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

In 1896 in Atlanta, Ga., the Baptist leaders of the South realizing the debt they owed to their young people in educating and training them in church membership, organized the B. Y. P. U. Auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention and established headquarters in Birmingham, Ala.

The growth and expansion in North Carolina has been marvelous. Our standing as compared with other Southern States is good and we are justly proud of it.

We give the following five reasons for the growth and expansion of B. Y. P. U.:

(1) The B. Y. P. U. has a simple group plan of organization and can be worked in any Baptist church.

(2) The plan provides for the use of every member on the program. In this way our young people are all developed.

(3) The aim of the B. Y. P. U. is training in church membership.

(4) The B. Y. P. U. truly believes and teaches that responsibility. rightly assured developes leadership, initiative and character.

(5) The B. Y. P. U. has a wholesome social appeal.

Many of our churches have adopted B. Y. P. U. as a member of our church family, and the Baptist denomination has definitely promoted it as vital to the life of the church, for the spiritual development of young Christians.

The South Fork Association now has a full time Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. field worker. We are proud of the forward step taken by the Association with the assistance of the Sunday School Board in securing the services of our field worker, Mr. K. L. Lineberger.

With reference to the general organization our association is fully organized and divided into three districts:

The general organization is as follows:

Mr. Jas. A. Ivey, President.

District No. 1—Miss Clara Frye, Senior Vice President.

District No. 2.—Miss Arlie Huitt, Senior Vice President; Mrs. L. I. Williams, Junior-Intermediate Leader.

Distr.o No. 3—Mr. Ed Brown, Senior Vice President; Mrs. M. T. Leatherman, Junior-Intermediate Leader.

Miss Cora Frye, Secretary-Treasurer.

Miss Ruby Padgett, Chorister.

Miss Macile Stephens, Pianist.

With this corp of efficient officers, with our aim set towards which to work, and our extensive program of extension work as has been mapped out, it looks as though a new era is dawning in South Fork Association for B. Y. P. U.

Respectfully submitted,
L. V. PADGETT.

REPORT OF THE SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATIONAL WORKER

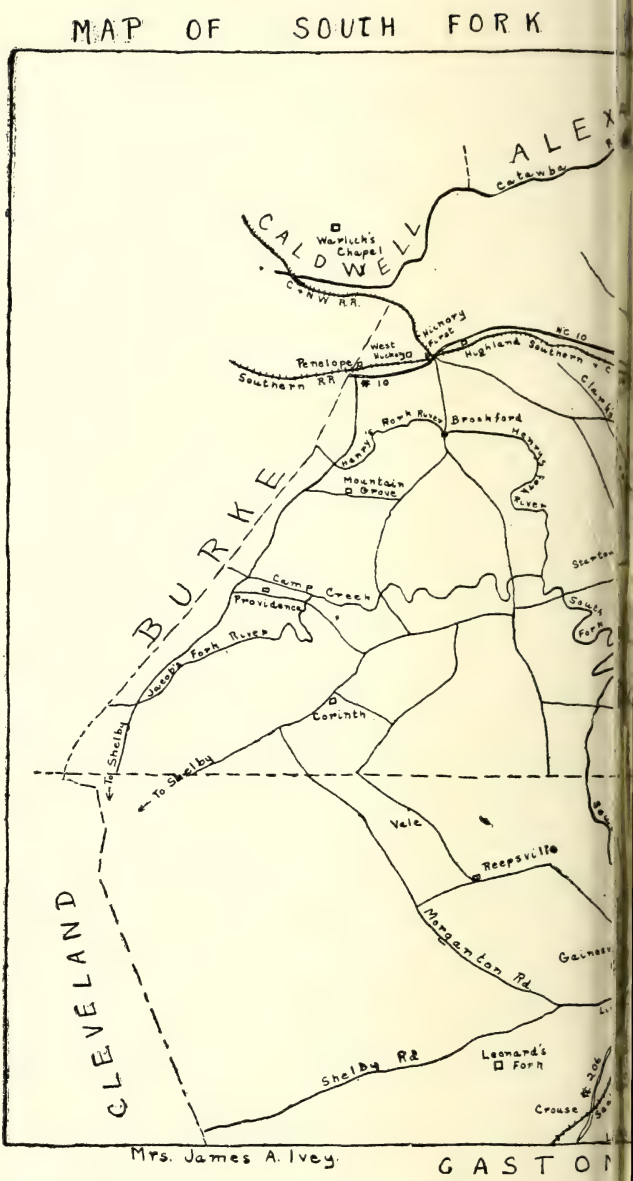
Brethren and Sisters:— The history of associational workers in our State is a short one, having been begun by the Kings Mountain Association when it employed Mr. A. V. Washburn as its Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. field worker in 1923. Since that time the work has grown

HICKORY DISTRICT

Brookford
Corinth
Hickory—First
Highland
Mountain Grove
Penelope
Providence
Warlick's Chapel
West Hickory

NEWTON DISTRICT

Catawba
Mt. Ruhama
Newton—First
North Newton
Olivet
Piney Grove
Startown



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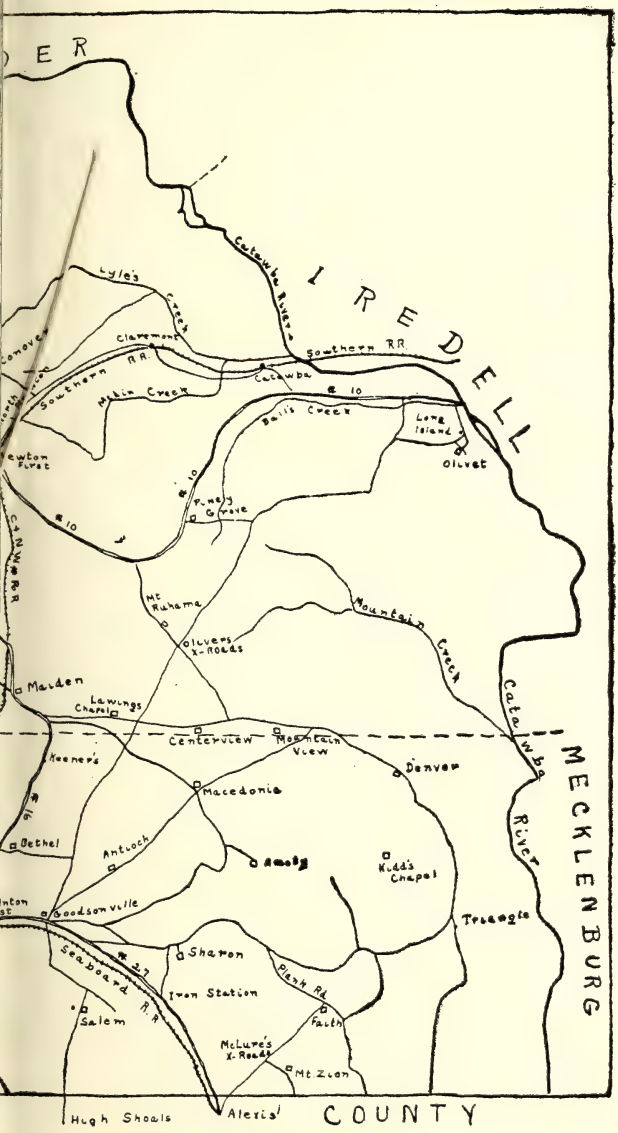

MAIDEN DISTRICT

Centerview
Denver
Kidd's Chapel
Lawing's Chapel
Macedonia
Maiden
Mountain View

LINCOLNTON DISTRICT

Antioch
Bethel
Faith
Gainsville
Goodsonville
Lincolnton—First
Lincolnton Avenue
Leonard's Fork
Long Shoals
Mt. Zion
Reepsville
Riverview
Salem
Sharon

by leaps and bounds, your worker being the tenth to be put on in the State. The needs of such a work are very great and our more progressive associations are rallying to that need in a noble way.

The duties of an associational worker are somewhat varied. He is to help in any way he can to improve the Sunday schools already organized, and organize and set them going in the churches where there are none. His principal duty here is to train officers and teachers for their respective offices. Then he is to plan and conduct enlargement campaigns, and do general enlistment work in behalf of the Sunday schools. His duties in B. Y. P. U. are very similar. He should strive to provide training for every Christian, and having charge of the extension activities he is to lead the unions of the association in that work.

For the three months, since July 1, 1926, which I have been your associational worker I have tried to present our educational work in 18 speeches, 15 church conferences, eight institutes, 200 letters (estimated), and 130 awards (88 in B. Y. P. U. and 42 in Sunday school). The work has been received kindly, but in most instances by a small number at each place. Your worker's ideal is for every Christian in the South Fork Association to have the opportunity of training and take advantage of it, and toward that ideal he shall strive.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. LINEBERGER,
South Fork Associational Worker.

The three reports were discussed by K. L. Lineberger and adopted.

J. A. Ivey submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Association in session, instruct the Executive Committee to ask the churches of the Association for voluntary contributions to cover one-half the salary and expenses of the Associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Worker for one year, and that Bro. K. L. Lineberger be employed at a salary of $1,200.00 and expenses,; one-half to be paid by the State Mission Board.

By motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by W. B. McClure.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1:00 P. M.. The Moderator called the meeting to order. Prayer by C. D. Barton.

Two minute reports were made from many churches as to their work and aims. Many were very good.

R. C. Campbell read the following:

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union occupies an important place in our denominational program. It is now almost forty years since this work was begun in North Carolina, and the work done, the things achieved show a phenominal growth in this work.

The steady, persistant, perserving way in which the women have moved on in their work has had no little bearing on the systematic way in which our churches are coming to do their work.

Our women over the country have been able to achieve marvels in their work because:

(1) They have carried on a definite campaign of study. This study has given information of the various phases of our work, and the responsibility of each single individual in carrying on a world program for our Lord. This program of study has led our good women to definite, sys-

tematic, proportionate giving. This has increased the gifts of our good women over and over.

(2) Our women also recognize the essential place of prayer in all our work. Thus they meet weeks of definite prayer for the various phases of our work.

Our laymen could do no better thing than to follow the example of our women.

There are fifteen societies in our Association, leaving 24 or 25 churches without a Woman's Missionary Society. Your committee urges the pastors of these churches to cooperate with Mrs. O. Joe Howard, the superintendent of the work in this Association, in organizing a W. M. S. in each church in the South Fork Association during our next associational year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. CAMPBELL.

The report was discussed by R. C. Campbell, and Mrs. O. Joe Howard, and adopted.

W. L. Walters read the following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Since the last meeting of the Association a number of homes of our brethren and sisters have been saddened by the departure of their loved ones, and yet, along with our sorrow, we find great comfort in the fact that those who love the Lord and are called from us are stepping out into a greater life, a life where there will be no cares or sorrows. The calling from us of our loved ones who trust in Jesus should cause us to look toward our future home more anxiously as we realize that we shall meet them again and that there shall be no more parting or sad hours.

The following is the number of our departed friends from the following churches:

Brookford, 1; Cedar Grove, 1; Gainsville, 3; Hickory First, 2; Leonard's Fork, 1; Lincolnton First, 2; Lincolnton Avenue, 2; Macedonia, 1; Maiden, 2; Mt. Ruhama, 1; Mountain View, 1; Mt. Zion, 2; Newton First, 2; Olivet, 2; Penelope, 6; Providence, 1; Salem, 1; Warlick's Chapel, 1; West Hickory, 2; Total 34.

W. L. WALTERS, Committee.

The report was adopted.

O. Joe Howard read the following:

TEMPERANCE

If the discussion of this subject is limited to alcoholic strong drink only, we suspect that it will apply to no one here directly; so you will allow us to mention other forms of intemperance as well.

One form is the use of too much stimulant of a mild nature—whether out of a cola or other soft-drink bottle, or a coffee cup; or by using tobacco.

But we are persuaded that the most bodily harm that comes to the human race as a whole is from the most pleasant job of eating, either in too heavy meals, or food not properly prepared.

The pursuit of pleasure beyond reason is hurtful, and the earnest Christian will avoid those so-called pleasures that are in the doubtful class.

Then our speech should be carefully guarded, that we do not talk about things that do not concern us and the discussion of which may be hurtful to some innocent party.

As a matter of course, we should do all in our power to elect such governmental officers as will see that our temperance laws are enforced

without fear or favor.

The report was discussed by O. Joe Howard, W. L. Walters and adopted. S. T. Gaddy read the following reports:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of the South Fork Association met at Newton, at the call of the chairman, November 24th, 1925. The committee organized by electing J. Y. Killian, chairman; L. L. Hatfield, vice-chairman and S. T. Gaddy, secretary and trustee for handling the South Fork Scholarship Fund.

After discussing several matters of interest pertaining to the Baptist work in the bounds of the association, the committee then considered several applications for aid from the State Mission Board and the following recommendations were made:

Denver, Lincoln County	$150.00
Leonard's Fork, Lincoln County	100.00
North Newton, Catawba County	150.00
Startown, Catawba County	60.00
West Hickory, Catawba County	300.00
	$760.00

All the above recommendations were made with the distinct understanding that the churches comply with the requirements of the State Mission Board in making the every member canvas, etc. The recommendation was made for Leonard's Fork in order for the pastor, Rev. W. L. Walters to do some special work as outlined by the committee, looking forward to some consolidation work.

A committee consisting of brethren Osborne Brown, L. L. Hatfield and M. T. Leatherman was appointed to confer with Denver relative to the matter of increasing their contributions and have Sunday morning services. Same committee to work with the pastor of Leonard's Fork church in his work. Revs. H. C. Whitener and Eph Whisenhunt were requested to work with the above committee.

The committee gave its endorsement of the quarterly Sunday school conventions to be held in various parts of the Association, the members of the executive committee in section in which the convention is held, assisted by Bro. Barnett, to be responsible for the program of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN, Chairman.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT (Scholarship Fund)

Amount on hand last year—notes	$2,649.43
Interest collected	133.87
	$2,783.30
Paid scholarship—Mary Misenheimer	150.00
Amount on hand	$2,633.30
Accrued interest to 10-1-26	118.54
Present amount of funds	$2,751.84
Funds Invested:	
Maiden Graded School	$ 600.00
Claremont Hosiery Mills	1,141.56

Fidelity Hosiery Mills 891.74

$2,633.30

S. T. GADDY, Trustee.

The report was adopted.

Your committee appointed to nominate a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention name as delegate—J. A. Ivey; alternate, Eph Whisenhunt. The report was adopted.

We, your committee on place and preacher for next session, submit the following: Place—Corinth Church; Preacher—J. A. Ivey; Alternate —J. H. Boggs.

R. C. CAMPBELL,
H. B. CHRONISTER,
Committee.

C. M. Robinson submitted the following:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered this, Macedonia church and its Godly pastor for the fine hospitality we have enjoyed while here.

Greatfully,
C. M. ROBINSON.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The Moderator appointed the following to write reports for next session:

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS

Foreign Missions—R. C. Campbell.
State Missions—Eph Whisenhunt.
Home Missions—J. A. Ivey.
Biblical Recorder—W. B. McClure.
Ministerial Relief—J. W. Hendricks.
Orphanage—L. A. McClure.
Temperance—H. B. Chronister.
Digest of Church Letters—S. T. Gaddy.
B. Y. P. U.—Carl Ervin.
Obituaries—B. H. Laughridge.
Hospital—Mrs. J. T. McLean.
Woman's Work—J. W. Kesterson.
Sunday Schools—T. P. Pruitt.
Christian Education—R. Lee Davis.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to write program for next session of the Association and have it in these minutes—R. C. Campbell, H. B. Chronister.

By motion, 700 copies of the minutes be printed and the clerk allowed $35.00 for his services.

It was suggested that the names of the churches be placed on their respective church building. The suggestion was adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Corinth Church on Thursday after the Fourth Sunday in September 1927, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Song: "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Prayer by J. H. Boggs, leading.

OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator.
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

W. M. U. REPORT

The annual meeting of the W. M. U. of South Fork Association was held on September 7, 1926, at Highland Baptist Church, Hickory.

In the absence of the Superintendent, Mrs. G. W. Tobey, of Lincolnton, presided. Opening devotional service was conducted by Mrs. J. W. Hendricks, of Newton. Mrs. O. T. Rockett of the Highland Church was cordial in her words of welcome, which were responded to in a fitting way by Mrs. J. L. Leach, Hickory.

Seventeen societies reported. Mrs. J. T. McLean brought a practical message on "The Needs of the Association, and How to Meet Them." Mrs. O. Joe Howard's subject was "Tithing and Our Obligations." Miss Della Abernethy, Maiden, led the afternoon devotional. Mrs. J. L. Leach read a very helpful paper on "The W. M. S. Responsibility." Miss Pauline Johnson, Hickory, a training school student, talked interestingly of the Training School, taking us in our imagination to "House Beautiful," and telling of the beaptiful life there.

A most helpful part of the day's program was the round-table discussion, led by Miss Dorothy Kellum.

Mr. Eph Whisenhunt led the memorial services, paying tribute to those who have been called home.

The G. A. of Highland closed the day with an enjoyable program.

The South Fork Association is divided into four districts, with a chairman for each.

Officers for the coming year are: Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Hickory, Superintendent. Mrs. J. T. McLean, Asst. Supt., Personal Service Chairman, Mission Study Leader. Mrs. G. W. Tobey, Secretary. Mrs. M. I. Harris, Lncolnton, Treasurer. Miss Ruby Padgett, Young Peoples' Leader.

District Chairmen: Hickory—Mrs. O. Joe Howard; Lincolnton—Mrs. Ramseur; Maiden—Mrs. J. W. Kesterson; Newton—Mrs. J. W. Hendricks.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members, two from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. One from each section of the Association to serve one year, one from each section for two years, one from each section for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the 1st day of each session a committee of three to nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at 10 a. m. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Association.

8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee at each session of the Assocation of two members to prepare a program for the succeeding session, and that the same be incorporated in the minutes; and that the pastor of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be included in the program committee, making the committee consist of three.

BY-LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be: Meet at 9:00 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Kelfoots Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Assocaition, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	SUNDAYS OF PREACHING	GAIN BY				LOST BY			TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
		BAPTISM	LETTER	STATEMENT	RESTORATION	LETTER	EXPULSION	DEATH	
Antioch	Fourth Sunday		4			12			28
Bethel	1st and 3rd Sunday	24	7						99
Brookford	Every Sunday	18	9	2	1	5	2	1	215
Catawba	1st and 3rd Sunday	8	7			2	1	1	138
Center View	1st and 3rd Sunday	9	4			5		1	120
Corinth	Fourth Sunday	6				1			126
Denver	2nd and 4th Sunday					2			24
Faith	Fourth Sunday	4							31
Gainsville	2nd and 4th Sunday	52	11			2		3	173
Goodsonville	Every Sunday	8	2			7	2		94
Hickory First	Every Sunday	34	40		8	48		2	705
Highland	Every Sunday	38	37	5	2	20	15		318
Kids Chapel	Third Sunday					3			22
Lawing Chapel	2nd, Ev. Sun. Night	5	6	1		12			143
Leonard's Fork	2nd and 4th Sunday	5				4			79
Lincolnton First	Every Sunday	24	14	8		30	8	2	305
Lincolnton Avenue	1st, 2nd and 4th Sun.	9	9			19		2	216
Macedonia	1st and 3rd Sunday	8	7			8	1	1	259
Maiden	Every Sunday	20	8		5	8		2	355
Mountain Grove	2nd and 4th Sunday	3				4			110
Mount Ruhama	1st and 3rd Sunday	30	8		2	3	2	2	232
Mountain View	2nd and 4th Sunday	3	5			7		1	128
Mount Zion	Third Sunday	8	4			1	2	2	135
Newton First	Every Sunday	15	8		1	10		2	197
North Newton	Not given		5			5			72
Olivet	2nd and 4th Sunday	23	3	2		2		2	180
Penelope	Every Sunday	11	8			13		6	273
Piney Grove	First Sunday	3							43
Providence	1st and 3rd Sunday	5	2		1			1	135
Reepsville	1st and 3rd Sunday					6			76
River View	Every Sunday	10	18			7	2		142
Sharon	Fourth Sunday	2	2			3			68
South Salem	2n dand 4th Sunday	2				3		1	69
Warlick's	First Sunday	11	2			4		1	68
Webbs Chapel	1st Sunday Evening	9	6	1					57
West Hickory	Every Sunday	6	15		2	7	2	2	247
TOTALS		413	251	19	22	263	37	35	5682

CHURCHES	When Organized	PASTORS	Value of Church Property	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE
Antioch	1922	A. L. Campbell	$ 1,000.00	Mrs. Mary Sronce, Lincolnton, R-3
Bethel	1895	W. E. Bost	1,100,00	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton, N. C.
Brookford	1910	J. H. Boggs	6,000.00	J. B. Danney, Brookford, N. C.
Catawba	1874	R. L. Davis	5,000.00	C. W. Ervin, Catawba, N. C.
Center View	1915	L. A. McClure	2,500.00	J. F. Hovis, Lincolnton, N. C.
Corinth	1870	H. B. Chronister	2,000.00	C. O. Ritchey, Vale, R-4, N. C.
Denver	1814	C. M. Robinson	2,500.00	H. N. Abernethy, Charlotte, N. C.
Faith	1905	W. E. Bost	1,200.00	B. E. Ballard, Iron Station, N. C.
Gainsville	1923	L. A. Bangle	2,500.00	C. C. Houser, Crouse, N. C.
Goodsonville	1922	T. H. Roach	2,500.00	J. B. Ritchey, Lincolnton, N. C.
Hickory First	1870	Robt. C. Campbell	125,000.00	Edgar L. Fox, Hickory, N. C.
Highland	1912	James A. Ivey	30,000.00	O. T. Rockett, Hickory, N. C.
Kids Chapel	1872	No Pastor	1,575.00	W. A. Poole, Iron Station, N. C.
Lawing Chapel	1907	L. A. McClure	1,500.00	Samuel Bandy, Lincolnton, R-4.
Leonards Fork	1883	W. L. Walters	900.00	J. W. Hoover, Crouse, N. C.
Lincolnton First	1859	Eph Whisenhunt	78,000.00	E. T. Childs, Jr., Lincolnton, N. C.
Lincolnton Avenue	1910	B. H. Laughridge	3,475.00	Z. V. Dellinger, Lincolnton, N. C.
Macedonia	1886	W. B. McClure	10,500.00	S. L. Bolinger, Lincolnton, R-3.
Maiden	1891	J. W. Kesterson	10,000.00	T. H. Caldwell, Maiden, N. C.
Mountain Grove	1881	Lee J. Jones	4,000.00	G. F. Huffman, Hickory, R-1.
Mount Ruhama	1816	L. A. McClure	3,550.00	Geo. W. Caldwell, Newton, R-3.
Mountain View	1893	L. A. McClure	3,000.00	M. O. Gilleland, Maiden, N. C.
Mount Zion	1869	B. H. Laughridge	2,000.00	M. J. Hager, Alexis, N. C.
Newton First	1881	T. C. Singleton	46,000.00	G. C. Hewitt, Newton, N. C.
North Newton	1921	A. L. Campbell	3,500.00	Mrs. J. E. Link, Newton, N. C.
Olivet	1837	C. M. Robinson	4,000.00	J. T. Ervin, Catawba, N. C.
Penelope	1889	No Pastor	10,000.00	C. C. Kees, Hickory, R-4.
Piney Grove	1904	C. M. Robinson	600.00	Lee Setzer, Newton, R-2.
Providence	1878	M. I. Harris	1,500.00	R. L. Asherbranner, Vale, N. C.
Reepsville	1899	P. W. Bangle	1,500.00	Marvin Sronce, Lincolnton, R-2.
River View	1899	T. H. Roach	7,000.00	J. B. Summey, Lincolnton, R-5.
Sharon	1884	W. E. Bost	600.00	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station.
South Salem	1851	A. L. Campbell	600.00	Clarence Helms, Lincolnton, N. C.
Warlick	1875	H. B. Chronister	1,500.00	E. T. Berry, Icard, N. C.
Webbs Chapel	1902	W. W. Rimmer	1,500.00	F. B. Carpenter, Lincolnton, R-1.
West Hickory	1907	C. B. Barton	7,000.00	M. C. Lutz, West Hickory, N. C.

HOME EXPENSES

CHURCHES	PASTOR'S SALARIES	OTHER SALARIES	MINISTERIAL HELP	BUILDING AND REPAIRS	INCIDENTALS	S. S. AND B. Y. P. U., ETC.	HELP TO THE POOR	MINUTES AND PRINTING	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES
Antioch	$ 50.00	$	$ 25.00	$ 89.00	$ 7.50	$ 7.98	$	$ 1.00	$ 35.38	$ 215.86
Bethel	150.00		54.43			35.27		1.25	31.50	271.20
Brookford	1,040.00	60.00	101.20	600.00		150.00	50.00	2.00	48.50	2,154.10
Catawba	213.17	78.40	100.60	25.45	38.84	47.85		2.50		457.39
Center View	267.56	30.00	97.00			45.42		3.00	13.00	453.48
Corinth	200.00			.39		.22		2.00		263.00
Denver	150.00		24.70					1.00		174.00
Faith	66.80		20.00							86.80
Gainsville	300.00			100.00				2.00		102.00
Goodsonville	700.00	159.81			28.00	31.00				918.81
Hickory First	3,105.00	845.00	150.00	4,548.55	660.53	530.83	25.00	25.00	4,316.39	14,206.30
Highland	2,100.00	240.00	111.30	2,485.42	611.67	329.13	7.50	4.00		5,716.15
Kids Chapel	75.00		12.00		3.00	12.00				102.00
Lawing Chapel	194.20		21.95		8.72	22.86		1.00	74.21	322.94
Leonard's Fork	250.00		36.00	113.25		14.60		1.00		414.85
Lincolnton First	2,200.08		198.80	3,095.58	738.05	272.63	25.35	5.00	325.58	6,861.07
Lincolnton Avenue	900.00	24.00	67.00	974.55	161.97	81.00	85.15	3.50	161.21	2,458.38
Macedonia	377.29		65.00	600.00	6.83	30.74		1.95		1,081.81
Maiden	1,500.00		418.00	498.40	25.00			4.50		2,444.90
Mountain Grove	400.00		80.00	2.25		41.61		3.50		586.86
Mount Ruhama	432.19	7.40	50.00	42.90	6.60	25.35	80.82	4.50	511.00	700.66
Mountain View	260.00					22.00		3.00	134.15	419.15
Mount Zion	170.00		48.62		5.00	22.35				244.97
Newton First	1,600.00		262.10	1,340.00	189.43	114.42		6.00	178.18	3,690.13
North Newton	225.15				18.00	32.00		1.00		276.15
Olivet	900.00		140.00	40.00	61.32	145.48	8.00	3.00		1,297.80
Penelope	1,071.37	52.53		982.00	24.34	238.90	40.00	.80	41.02	2,450.96
Piney Grove	125.00				2.00			1.05		132.35
Providence	200.00		55.00	400.00		24.00		1.50		680.50
Reepsville	100.00	30.00					9.75	1.50	15.80	158.55
River View	800.00		134.38		170.90	35.25	115.05	3.00		1,258.58
Sharon			27.00	63.21		21.96		.70	2.45	115.32
South Salem	215.48		35.65		2.00	15.96		2.00	22.45	293.54
Warlick's	206.00	35.40		40.00		15.00	20.00	1.00		317.40
Webbs Chapel	83.00		27.50		5.00	7.00		.60	6.50	128.60
West Hickory	1,184.00	10.00	100.00	16.85	293.07	168.03		5.00	1.50	1,776.45
TOTALS	$21,811.29	$1,573.64	$2,463.23	$16,057.80	$3,067.77	$2,540.84	$466.52	$98.85	$5,918.82	$51,074.38

BENEVOLENT OBJECTS

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	STATE MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	MINISTERIAL EDUCATION	SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES	HOSPITALS	ORPHANAGE	MINISTERIAL RELIEF OLD MINISTERS	TOTALS
Antioch	$	$ 4.30	$	$	$	$	$	$ 5.00	$	$ 9.30
Bethel		17.00		20.00				45.00		82.00
Brookford	75.00	50.00						20.00		145.00
Catawba		20.00	20.25	23.00	11.52		19.17	92.22		186.16
Center View		19.25	9.45	20.00				27.44		76.14
Corinth		30.00	10.00							40.00
Denver	25.05	16.66								41.71
Faith			5.75							5.75
Gainsville				5.00				6.00	5.00	16.00
Goodsonville		6.61		2.55				12.00		21.16
Hickory First	3,727.69	50.00	227.50	245.31		25.00	42.02	653.99		4,770.51
Highland	800.95	20.05	22.00	22.00	25.00		11.32	177.84		1,084.16
Lawing Chapel	39.41		1.00	12.50			1.10	5.55	10.00	56.56
Leonard's Fork	29.75			5.00				13.54		48.29
Lincolnton First	479.46	75.27	174.40	166.54	2.00		49.82	1,283.80	1.00	2,232.29
Lincolnton Avenue	21.75	5.00	15.30	53.00	10.00		31.15	10.00		146.20
Macedonia		5.00	5.00	6.40			1.25	1.25		18.90
Maiden		43.75	16.67	80.03			10.00			150.45
Mountain Grove	20.63		13.98	66.93			12.00	93.14		206.68
Mount Ruhama				73.21				48.68		121.89
Mountain View			5.00	6.61						11.61
Mount Zion		10.00	10.00	12.00				53.17		105.67
Newton First	156.25	15.00		12.00			11.07	200.00	38.00	432.32
North Newton	48.00	2.00	5.00	8.00			6.25			70.25
Olivet	361.37		28.40	73.60		46.77	10.02	79.84		600.00
Penelope	160.61						11.50	65.70		237.81
Piney Grove		3.03	2.00							5.03
Reepsville	3.80									3.80
River View		40.69	32.20	62.21				148.60		283.70
Sharon				3.25				6.00		9.25
South Salem		9.20	9.20	9.25				20.00		47.65
Warlick's		12.40	21.40	12.40				7.00		44.22
Webbs Chapel		4.00	4.75	4.00				9.93		22.68
West Hickory	201.36	108.35	48.00		34.01		11.21	14.45	21.35	248.75
TOTAL	$6,151.08	$567.56	$678.25	$1,004.79	$82.53	$71.77	$227.88	$3,100.14	$75.35	$11,971.26

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES:	Secretaries of Sunday Schools and Addresses	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS	BEGINNERS 3 TO 5 YEARS	PRIMARIES 6 TO 8 YEARS	JUNIORS 9 TO 12 YEARS	INTERMEDIATES 13 TO 16 YEARS	YOUNG PEOPLE 17 TO 24 YEARS	ADULTS 25 YEARS & UP	CRADLE ROLL UNDER 3 YEARS	HOME DEPARTMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	IS THE S. S. GRADED?	IS IT STANDARD?	BAPTISMS FROM S. S.	CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL OBJECTS
Antioch	Mrs. Mary Shronce Lincolnton R-3	4			10			20			34					
Bethel	Miss Jenny Turner Lincolnton R-	6	23		12	28		11			80	38			22	10.00
Brookford	Lela Stepp Brookford	12	12	25	28	32	20	40			177	112	Yes	No	10	238.36
Catawba	Miss Lestelle Brown Catawba	9	14	16	14	12	13	23			102				7	102.95
Center View	Walter Laney Maiden	12	13	22	9	10	43	31			140	120	Yes	Yes		
Corinth	C. O. Ritchey Vale, R-4	7		22	18	36		35			118	55	No	No	5	10.00
Gainsville	Annie B. Tutherow Crouse, R-1	6	49		49	45		26			169				28	40.00
Goodsonville	William Bumgarner Lincolnton	9										60				
Hickory First	Edgar L. Fox Hickory	70	41	55	84	85		234	80	42	681	330	Yes	No	32	1,679.56
Highland	James Kerr Hickory, R-	55	40	56	69	76	38	122	42	30	528	219	Yes	Yes	35	691.23
Kids Chapel	Macie Goodson Iron Station	6	4	8	9	5		12			44	30				
Lawing Chapel	Miss Irene Cook Lincolnton, R-4	11	19	9	21	14	12	29			104	70	No	No		103.57
Leonard's Fork	Vida Lee Heavner Crouse	5	5			7	5	10			27	25	No	No	3	8.00
Lincolnton First	T. P. Banks Lincolnton	32	14	39	52	32	30	76	19	16	310		Yes	Yes	24	
Lincolnton Avenue	M. G. Cheapman Lincolnton	12	54		22	57		96			241				4	11.16
Macedonia	Miss Florence Loftin Iron Station	7									137					
Maiden	J. W. Williams Maiden	19	27	37	61	41	42	106			333	240	Yes	No	15	447.82
Mountain Grove	Roy Abernethy Hickory, R-1	9		22	15	21	18	27			112	60	No	No	1	42.64
Mount Ruhama	Klutz Williams Maiden, R-1	11	32		37	14	24	55	31		204	150	No	No	30	
Mountain View	Name not given.	7									77	57	No	No	3	
Mount Zion	Robena McClure Alexis	9									93	73	No	No	8	32.52
North Newton	Cordia Hewitt Newton	10	20	12		22	39	12			115	75	No	No		67.52
Newton First	Elizabeth Wood Newton	14	29	18	12	27	22	80			202	140			12	345.38
Olivet	W. A. Kale Catawba, Star Route	15	20	31	36	32	45	30	11		220	112	Yes	Yes	20	388.53
Penelope	Miss Clara Frye Hickory, R-4	18	55	70	82	65	71	95	66	61	573	203	Yes	Yes	11	71.07
Piney Grove	Ruth Setzer Newton, R-2	7	16		5	11		23			62				3	7.81
Providence	M. S. Brittian Vale	9	6	6	12	10		20	3		86	60			3	60.00
Reepsville	McKinley Sronce Vale, R-1	13	16	18	13	11		16								2.75
River View	E. L. Johnson Lincolnton, R-5	10	44		16	51	32	52			205	140			3	56.63
Sharon	Jessie Dellinger Iron Station	4		9	17	28					58	35			2	
South Salem	Clarence Helms Lincolnton, R-6	7	10	6	10	8	14	15	2		72	50				46.10
Warlick's	Lottie Knox Hickory, R-4	8		18	13	15	14	21			81	63			10	
Webbs Chapel	C. W. Carpener Lincolnton, R-5	7									45	30				
West Hickory	C. H. Briton Hickory	14	53	21	45	47	56	57			293	165	Yes	No	5	260.69
TOTAL		444	606	518	670	842	538	1354	254	149	5721	2712			296	$3,222.29

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

CHURCHES	Senior Presidents of B. Y. P. U.'s and Postoffices		SENIOR UNIONS	INT. UNIONS	JUNIOR UNIONS	TOTAL UNIONS	SENIORS ENROLLED	INTERMEDIATES ENROLLED	JUNIORS ENROLLED	TOTAL ENROLLED	UNIONS REACHING A-1 STAND.	NO. DAILY BIBLE READERS	UNIONS TAKING STUDY COURSES	TOTAL SYSTEMATIC GIVERS IN ALL UNIONS
Bethel	Mrs. W. E. Bost	Lincolnton	1			1	44			44		15		
Brookford	J. T. Elders	Brookford	1		1	2	15		30	45		30		25
Catawba	R. H. Brown	Catawba	1			1	19			19		11		9
Corinth	Fitzhugh Kiser	Vale	1			1	12			12				
Hickory First	Miss Vera Crouch	Hickory	1	1	1	3	18	45	31	94		35		50
Highland	Eugene Kerr	Hickory	2	2	2	6	37	36	41	114	4	71		85
Lincolnton First	Miss Ruby Padgett	Lincolnton	1	1	1	3	20	20	26	66				
Lincolnton Ave	Reece Mull	Lincolnton	1		1	2	26		36	62	1	35	27	44
Maiden	Miss Arlie Hewitt	Maiden	1	1	1	3	29	12	23	64		20		25
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckard	Hickory, R-1	1			1								
Olivet	Miss Grace Pope	Long Island	1		1	2	18		15	33				
Penelope	Mrs. Fess Digh	West Hickory	1	1	1	3	12	20	13	45	2			
Providence	Roy Whitener	Vale	1			1								
Sharon	Miss Jessie Dellinger	Iron Station	1		1	2	18		18	36				
West Hickory	Miss Naomi Prather	Hickory	2	1	1	4	25	33	20	78		58		78
TOTAL			16	7	11	35	293	166	253	712	7	275	27	316

Program for 1927 Session of the Association

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

THURSDAY

10:00 a. m. ..... Annual Sermon
10:45 a. m. ..... Organiation
11:00 a. m. ..... Sunday Schools
11:30 a. m. ..... B. Y. P. U
12:000 a. m. ..... Miscellaneous
12:10 p. m. ..... Adjournment

Afternoon

1:10 p. m. ..... Devotional
1:20 p. m. ..... State Missions
1:50 p. m. ..... Home Missions
2:20 p. m. ..... Foreign Missions
3:00 p. m. ..... Temperance
3:30 p. m. ..... Adjournment

Night

7:30 p. m. ..... Old Time Singing
8:00 p. m. ..... Minister's Relief
8:30 p. m. ..... Sermon

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 a. m. ..... Devotional
9:45 a. m. ..... Reading of Minutes
9:55 a. m. ..... Reports of Committees
10:00 a. m. ..... Biblical Recorder
10:30 a. m. ..... Orphanage
11:00 a. m. ..... Christian Literature
11:45 a. m. ..... Obituaries
12:00 a. m. ..... Adjournment

Afternoon

1:00 p. m. ..... Devotional
1:10 p. m. ..... Two Minutes Report from Each Church
2:00 p. m. ..... Woman's Work
2:30 p. m. ..... Report of Executive Committee
2:45 p. m. ..... Miscellaneous
3:00 p. m. ..... Adjournment

R. C. CAMPBELL, For the Committee.

Donated by Mrs. [illegible]

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PROCEEDINGS

South Fork Baptist Association convened in its forty-ninth Annual Session with Corinth Church on Thursday, September 29, 1927, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M.

The congregation sang the songs: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Eph Whisenhunt.

ANNUAL SERMOS

The annual sermon was preached by J. A. Ivey. His text was: "Launch Out Into the Deep." It was an impressive and timely sermon. All enjoyed it.

Moderator Osborne Brown called the Association to order. Prayer by G. V. Tilley. The roll of churches was called, and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—Not represented.
Bethel—A. M. Harrell, H. C. Harrell, W. C. Mullen.
Brookfod—D. S. Lee, C. C. Lowman.
Catawba—Miss Edna Danner, Miss Lutell Brown, R. Lee Davis
Center View—M. C. Laney, G. W. Laney, W. W. Laney, S. P. Beal.
Corinth—Was host of the Association.
Denver—James Hager, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Beal.
Faith—B. C. Ballard, J. M. Ballard.
Gainsville—Lee Weaver, Henry Bridges, L. F. Chapman.
Goodsonville—Worth Shuford, Z. B. Richie, B. M. Smith.
Hickory, First—R. C. Campbell, J. R. Hosley, Mrs. J. A. Ivey, Mrs. H. H. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. O. Joe Howard.
Highland—E. F. Sullivan, S. C. Duncan, W. T. Harris, A. T. Fox, Mrs. John Smith, James Ball.
Lawing's Chapel—G. S. Whisnant, W. H. Caldwell.
Leonard's Fork—T. J. Hoover, L. N. Heavner, J. M. Hoover.
Lincolnton, First—L. V. Padgett, E. S. Whisnant, Misses Jennie Whisnant, Florence Finch, Annie Wilkie, and R. H. Harrill.
Lincolnton Avenue—G. H. Scronce, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hallman, Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Harris, Rosie Tucker, Mrs. J. A. Hallman, Mrs. Grace Hallman.
Macedonia—J. B. Ewing, W. A. Potts, J. A. Williams, Alexander Crouse, S. L. Bollinger.
Maiden—T. C. Singleton, E. B. Goodin, J. H. Williams, Arthur Keever, Mrs. T. H. Caldwell, Mrs. H. H. Havener, Miss Dell Abernethy.
Mountain Grove—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Huffman, William Cline, Calvin Baker, Lee J. Jones.
Mt. Ruhama—Geo. W. Caldwell, Robt. Drum, Rans Campbell, H. C. Baird, W. M. Caldwell.
Mountain View—M. M. Moore, L. P. Gilleland, M. G. Gilleland.
Mt. Zion—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McClure, Mrs. M. J. Hager, H. B. Jones.
Newton, First—A. L. Ervin, H. J. Clark, B. B. Burris.
North Newton—C. J. Stewart, Mrs. C. J. Stewart, J. T. Whisnant, J. R. Whisnant.

Olivet—F. B. Tilley, W. W. Ervin, C. M. Robinson, Osborne Brown.

Penelope—P. A. Underwood, Mrs. B. C. Shuford, Mrs. O. C. Yoder, J. M. Herman.

Piney Grove—J. P. Abernethy, Magie Abernethy, Claudie Setzer Pearl Barker.

Providence—W. F. Huffman, T. S. Abee.

Reepsville—Charlie Sronce, McKinley Sronce, Thos. Helms, Nancie Helms, Beulah Sronce, Essie Huggins.

River View—G. W. Punch, Mrs. G. W. Punch, Mrs. Martha Moose, Miss Maude Roach.

Sharon—A. H. King, Eugene Hovis, Jessie Dellinger.

South Salem—C. F. Clanton, A. C. Lewis, Mrs. W. N. Summey.

Southside—C. W. Whitesides, Ed. Brown, J. A. Armstrong, J. M. Ballard.

Warlick's—R. S. Icard, Mrs. E. L. Berry, Mrs. E. S. Glass.

West Hickory—Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Short, W. G. Hicks, Miss Selmer Hicks.

The Moderator announced that the first business before the Association was the election of officers, and called T. C. Singleton to the chair.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

There being no further nominations for the respective offices, the following were elected by acclamation:

Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice-Moderator, Eph Whisenhunt; Clerk, J. F. Click; Treasurer, S. T. Gaddy.

On taking the chair the Moderator appointed the following committees: On Program, R. C. Campbell and H. B. Chronister; To Audit the Treasurer's Books, T. P. Pruitt and W. W. Ervin.

NEW PASTORS WELCOMED.

The Moderator invited the new pastors to come forward and receive the hand of welcome. Seven came: J. J. Waldrop, E. F. Sullivan, H. B. Jones, R. G. Short, G. V. Tilley, D. S. Lee, P. A. Underwood.

VISITORS PRESENT.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: J. B. Payne, J. A. Swanson and C. A. Caldwell of Gaston Association; J. R. Huffman, and W. C. Laney of South Mountain Association; L. A. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cook and Mrs. N. A. Bridges of Kings Mountain Association; J. M. Ballard of Caldwell Association; W. M. Gilmore of Raleigh; J. W. Shepherd of Brazil, and W. R. Beach, representative of the Biblical Recorder.

R. C. Campbell made a motion that Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, representative of the General Board, be given the hour from 11:30 to 12, and that Old Ministers' relief come at 12 and adjournment be at 12:30 instead of noon. The motion carried.

L. A. McClure read the following report:

BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder was first printed by Thomas Meredith ninety-one years ago. Since then it has served as organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers among our young people. It is set for the constructive effort of our people in obeying the command of our Master to carry the Gospel to all the world. It is published in the interest of our Baptist work and at the expense of the stockholders—for the past six years the paper has been a liability. The Recorder promotes the things that shall win. It seeks to aid in bringing in the certain reign of Christ. The readers of the Recorder are its best asset, and, in North Carolina, the Kingdom's best friends.

The best is none too good for our North Carolina Baptist homes. The future homes depend on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation.

People are largely influenced by what they read. The Biblical Recorder seeks to bring weekly a summary of our Baptist news, local and general, to our people. It seeks to give a Christian and Baptist interpretation to the events of the day. It seeks to give the achievements among our schools, our churches, our Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U., and laymen's work so that the reader may be informed as to the best methods of doing our work. It presents letters from our missionaries at home and abroad and so informs the reader of what is being accomplished through their contributions.

The Home Circle offers help for the development of the spiitual and intellectual needs in every young church member. It seeks to present high ideals for our young people, real help to the developing of character which will react for good in the future lives of our people. Never before was there a time when our boys and girls stood more in need of pure literature which will instill high ideals, create a desire for pure living, and stimulate the readers to render unselfish service. The Biblical Recorder seeks to aid at this particular point.

The price is $2.00 per year. The circulation ought to be increased to 25,000 as a minimum.

W. B. McCLURE.

The report was discussed by W. R. Beach and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to examine the application of Southside church for membership in this body: G. V. Tilley, Eph Whisenhunt and E. F. Sullivan.

W. M. Gilmore was given the time alloted him to discuss the General Mission Program, which he did with convincing spirit and power.

Geo. V. Tilley submitted the following repport:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

For a full and complete report of the Ministerial Relief Board we call attention to pages 429 etc., of the 1927 Southern Baptist Convention Annual. For those who may not see this we mention a few salient points.

It will be remembered that the Board is now South-wide, with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, and Thos. J. Walls corresponding secretary. The Board conducts an Annuity or Insurance department and also a relief department. Those interested in the Annuity will do well to see the Southern Baptist Annual. The Relief department is aiding 552 old minis-

ters; 443 widows, and 150 children—total 1,145.

There are more than 1,500 men and women holding certificates in the Annuity department. The funds supporting this phase of the work is more than $1,500,000. For Relief funds about $150,000. The income to the department respectively is $30,000 and $15,000. This work is supported from the budget receiving its own designated fund and a per cent of the undesignated funds.

The Board has been forced to make donations to certain States because their funds are not sufficient to take care of the needs. North Carolina has not received anything but has aided others. As to the benefits received by North Carolina, about 120 old ministers or widows of ministers are on the Board. They receive an average of about $120 per year. Interest from the Old Ministers' Relief Fund of North Carolina is paid semi-annually. This invested fund is nearly $40,000 and the interest is more than $3,000 per year.

Comparisons are not pleasing often, but we are limping behind many other denominations in this great work. An old minister in dire want, after he has spent his life in sacrificial work for others, is a pathetic figure A possible cause of this is the lack of adequate salary. But from either angle the situation is a tragic and severe indictment to a great denomination. We should strive to remedy it.

J. W. HENDRICKS, Chm. of Com.,
By DR. GEO. V. TILLEY.

The report was discussed by L. L. Hatfield and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to nominate two members of the executive committee: M. I. Harris, R. G. Short and T. C. Singleton.

By motion the Association adjourned for dinner. Prayer by R. Lee Davis. (The dinner covered a long table in the grove, and all enjoyed it.)

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the singing all reassembled. R. Lee Davis conducted the devotional services, and led in the prayer. The Moderator called the Association to order.

The Committee submitted the following report on the application of

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH.

We, your committee have examined the application of the Southside Baptist Church for membership in this Association; and find their articles of faith doctrinally sound. The letter to the Association gives promise of the spirit of cooperation with the Baptist progress. The territory in which the church is located, offers a field for growth and service. It is the purpose of the church to go to half-time preaching, and do this without aid from the State Mission Board. It has a house of worship free from debt. In view of the above presentation, we recommend that the church be received into this Association.

G. V. TILLEY,
EPH WHISENHUNT,
R. C. CAMPBELL, Committee.

The report was heartily adopted and the delegates came forward and were given the right hand of fellowwship.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on place and preacher for the next session of the Association: C. M. Robinson, S. M. Abernethy.

Eph Whisenhunt read the following report:

STATE MISSIONS.

By means of State Missions, we are seeking to bring to full fruitage and triumph the words of the Great Commission of our Lord in the State of North Carolina. Only about one-half of our total population profess any type of religion. The first Apostle to the Gentiles never concluded that the mere constitution of a church in the midst of a heathen population ended his responsibility for that community. He was still a missionary to the churches. Our first duty is to seek the salvation of those with whom we live. Jesus taught this. "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the world." Agreeing fully with the oft-repeated saying that "the light shines the farthest, shines brightest at home," it must also be borne in mind that because the seven churches of Asia failed to shine brightly at home, they lost their existence and thus ceased to shine for the rest of mankind. We need to till well our own farm if we would relieve the famine stricken people beyond us. Paul was just as eager as a missionary in Judea, and was burdened just as much for his own people as he was when in Rome going from house to house peaching the Gospel

The need of State Missions in general is for a more intelligent grasp of its importance o nthe part of our hurches throughout the State. Our churches think that they are located in a Christian State when it is far from being evangelized. Its specific needs are: First, More adequate financial support through the Cooperative Plan and through the special State Mission Day in our Sunday Schools and the Week of Prayer for State Missions in the W. M. U. organizations. Secondly, an adequate force of Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., and W. M. U., workers, and additions to our evangelistic forces so as to meet the demands.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That on the second Sunday in October all our churches be requested to observe State Mission Day in the Sunday Schools and that our goal for the day be $700.00 to take care of the amount spent within the bounds of our Association this year.

Respectfully submitted,
EPH WHISENHUNT.

The report was discussed by Eph Whisenhunt, W. M. Gilmore, and adopted.

The Auditing Committee made its report as follows:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your committee appointed to audit the books of the Treasurer, respectfully report that we have gone over the lists of the receipts and disbursements appearing on the records of the Treasurer, and we find that all funds shown have been credited to the proper accounts, and all disbursements made by the Treasurer have been paid to the proper parties.

It is found that bank balances are reconciled with the Treasurer's books.

Respectfully,

T. P. PRUITT,
W. W. ERVIN, Committee.

The report was adopted

E. F. Sullivan read the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Under the blessings of God the Home Mission Board has been doing business eighty-two years. During that period thousands of churches and millions of individuals have been blessed either directly or indirectly through the agency of this great board.

Last year its workers, independent and cooperative, delivered 109,-419 sermons and addresses; added 20,686 members to the churches by baptism; constituted 168 churches; and built and improved 278 church houses.

With the tide of population, accompanied by commercialism and communism, rapidly coming South; along with the stupendous development of our water power and other natural resources; who would be so foolish as to say that we should retrench in our great Home Mission program? Yet that is exactly what we are having to do.

The Convention in Louisville instructed the Home Board in laying out its work for the new year not to go beyond the receipts of last year in its appropriations. This called for drastic retrenchments at the annual meeting of the Board in June. Dr. Gray writes that in one department they had to cut off twenty-five missionaries, and that similar cuts were made in all departments of the Board. Surely this is enough to stir stony heats, and lead us all to our knees in prayer for more laborers for the harvest and for more liberality among our people.

Three recent Home Mission books deserve careful study by all our people, namely:

"The New Challenge of Home Missions," by E. P. Allredge, price 60c.

"A Tale of Two People—Gentiles and Jews," by W. M. Seay, price 60c and $1.00.

"Just Around the Corner Tales" by Mrs. Una R. Lawrence, price 50c.

The books are fine for general reading or mission study courses. They can be obtained from the Baptist Book Shop, Raleigh, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

R. C. Campbell read the following:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Every phase of our denominational work demands our earnest attention. To neglect any of these causes means the crippling of that cause and setting up a retrograding influence on the other causes. Some phases of the work naturally stand out like the highest mountain peak above the other mountains. Certainly Foreign Missions is one of our most important tasks and opportunity.

We have obligated ourselves by virtue of our choice and affiliations, we find ourselves identified with a program which accepts the Bible as its authority and the world as its field of labor. Our predecessors in this work shaped this program and in faith laid deep and strong the founda-

tions of our Foreign Mission endeavor. Our membership in the Baptist churches makes us parties to the contracts let and the work begun. We owe it to God, ourselves, and to those who have wrought in this work to not only carry on the work started but also to lengthen the cord of the work. We cannot neglect this important work and at the same time maintain our denominational self respect, and prove our loyalty to our Father who gave us our marching orders, and our spirit of cooperation to those on the various mission fields representing us. Our missionaries are on the field, separated from home, loved ones and flag. They have put up their lives against our money, for world conquest, under the banner of our Lord. We accepted their challenge and they are not only God's messengers, but they are ours. We are responsible for them in a very important sense. We are responsible to God, our Father, in the matter of sending back to their posts of duty those who are now at home on furlough and for whose return no provision has been made. For this Southern Baptists surely must account at the Judgment bar of God; for this the Baptists of the South Fork Association must acount.

With men and women such as we have on the foreign fields today, our sense of obligation should grow as we recount our blessings over against their tremendous sacrifices. They have given up all for Him, surely we can give up enough of our luxuries in order that this work may be carried on. The spirits of Carry, Judson, Livingston, Hudson Taylor, Yates, together with an innumerable cloud of witnesses hovers about us to lead us into larger and larger fields of conquest in our Foreign Mission work.

Finally, we owe it to God to throw the full weight of our financial support into this world undertaking. This work is backed by the authority of Heaven. It continues under the leadership of men and women who have heard the call of God and who have put their shoulders to the task and dare not turn back.We are saved and we are to remember that we are saved to serve. No greater field could be opened than the one now open before Southern Baptists. Shall we go at His command or shall we falter and fail Him in this destiny laden hour for Foreign Missions? Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. God furnished the sacrifice, and now He calls upon us to furnish the money with which to furnish the cleansing blood of Jesus to a lost world.

Every one of the churches in this Association should increase its contribution for missions this year. This will be a great boon to this far-reaching work. This can be done by the members increasing their offerings.

R. C. CAMPBELL.

The two reports were discussed by R. C. Campbell and J. W. Sheppard, of Rio deJanerio, Brazil, President of a College there. The reports were adopted.

L. A. McClure read the following report:

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

For forty-two years our Orphanage has been making answer to the roll call of institutions set apart to carry on the service for Him "who went about doing good." The last annual report gives the number of children present 614, of these 114 are at the eastern branch known as the Kennedy Home. There are 365 cared for with their own mothers, making in all 970. From the beginning, for shorter or longer periods,

3,200 children have felt the helping hand of North Carolina Baptists. We now have sixteen cottages at Thomasville and four at the Kennedy Home. These are that many households having their own dining rooms and kitchens.

The health, training, and well balanced education of these children engage the heads, hands and hearts of those who have them in charge.

The training ranges from the kindergarten through high school, and fom simple useful labor to work combining the skill of head and hand. An effort is made to have the children grow up in a Christian atmosphere. The Pastor, in addition to his regular work teaches the Bible and several training courses.

Our children, all our hildren are our greatest asset, and the only hope of the race; but neglected, they become our liability and our despair. This is particularly true of the children at the Orphanage. There, we open to them the door of hope and turn their young feet into safe paths.

The Orphanage, like all our institutions, is suffering from debt. This can be easily handled if we press the simple program followed from the beginning, a collection once a month from every Sunday School in the Association, and a great thank offering, urging one day's work or one day's income.

For the next three years, while the one and a half millions are being raised for our schools, this is of utmost importance. The Orphanage cannot rely on big gifts, and it must not put on high pressure methods, hence, as never before, we make the modest request that a once a month collection be taken in every Sunday School. We also urge that a club of Charity and Children be taken by every school. The paper is $1.00 per single copy, and 60 cents a copy in clubs of ten or more to one address.

In order that the Orphanage may keep in closer touch with the Sunday Schools, we recommend the appointment of an Orphanage representative by the Association. This may be a man or woman whose duty it shall be to keep the management at Thomasville in touch with the Schools in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. McCLURE.

The report was discussed by Fuller Hamrick and T. C. Singleton and adopted.

By motion, the Moderator was authorized and requested to appoint an Orphanage representative in this Association. He gave notice that he would do so later.

Eph Whisenhunt read the following report:

OUR BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The few months our Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem has been operating have brought before us the fact of the distressing need of hospital ministry for hundreds of our worthy but poor Baptists of N. C. Over one half of these live in sections where there is no provision made for their care when sick. They are too poor to patronize private institutions.

Hundreds of these tragic appeals come to us every year. They MUST be cared for or they suffer long and die. The hospital has saved around 600 of these unfortunates since this Association met last year

and could save more but for lack of funds.

The Baptist State Convention asked for $25,000.00 since there is no provision made in the budget for this phase of the work. The latter is set apart for the bonded indebtedness of the institution. The only hope is the Fother's Day contributions.

Not one cent of the Mother's Day offering is used for running expenses. The money from pay patients takes care of the operating expenses and contributes several thousand dollars each year to help care for charity patients.

The Blanche Barrus Nurses Home is up to the second story and the work is going on rapidly. A fine and much needed home, which will cost about $45,000.00 and will make comfortable 45 nurses, besides all the conveniences for Training School Lecture and Demonstration rooms. The women will give $20,000.00 on this Home.

Our Hospital has a healthful, attractive location. It is comfortable, commodious and the latest in constuction, and fireproof. It has a medical staff unsurpassed in the South, the Great Physician being chief thereof. Has the lowest death rate on record. Every influence, environment and service combine to lure the sick back to health and send them home better Christians at the lowest possible cost.

This institution needs our support, our sympathy and prayers and we need its superior Christian care and love.

MRS. LILL H. McLEAN.

The report was discussed by Eph Whisenhunt and adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30. Song: "More About Jesus." Prayer by R. G. Short.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association met according to adjournment, and had an "Old Time Singing," led by J. J. Waldrop. The songs sung were: "We Praise Thee O Lord"; "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"; "Amazing Grace"; "Have Thine On Way"; and "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Prayer by C. M. Robinson.

W. E. Bost conducted the devotional service; read the Scripture and led in the prayer.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

C. M. Robinson read the report on

PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your Committee on Place and Preacher, beg to offer the following: Place—Mt. Ruhama; Preacher—R. G. Short.

S. M. ABERNETHY,
C. M. ROBINSOS,
H. J. CLARK.

C. W. Ervin read the following report:

B. Y. P. U.

Brother Moderator, Brothers and Sisters:

Having made a survey and study of the B. Y. P. U. work of our Association, in the State, and the Southern Baptist Convention, the follow-

ing facts were disclosed:

Churches having one or more active unions are making wonderful progress in the training and development of the future leaders of the church and community. Signifiant too is the fact where there are active unions in the churches there is a striking feeling of security and conconfidence on the part ofthe pastor and superintendent, regarding help and cooperation, something that is singularly lacking where there are no unions.

Another fact revealed was the tremendous influence for the strengthening of every department of our denominational work, brought about by these active unions.

The survey further revealed that many of our churches were falling short of their proportionate part in many lines of endeavor, a fact which we feel sure would be eliminated by an active union, functioning in the same and to such churches we are constrained to recommend the immediate organization of a union, urging too the unanimous backing of the project of the church. For a union is one of the greatest means of development of the future singers, Sunday Shool teachers, superintenednts, deacons, department heads, campaign leaders. In short it is the training department of the church. Perhaps the greatest need it meets is the development of members to lead in public service and public prayer and reestablishes the family altar, a custom we regret to say is fast becoming a thing of the past. As a result of this we are rapidly lowering our moral, social and religious standard.

Regarding our fiield worker whose office has just been in existence for about a year. Considering the poor cooperation that has been given him I feel that the results of his work exceed even our most optimistic hopes. For instance:

In the Southern Baptist Convention there are seven unions to each 10 churches.

In the North Carolina Station Convention there are eight unions to each 10 churches.

In the South Fork Baptist Association there are 12½ unions to each 10 churches.

These figures, alone, are enough to convince the average person of the wisdom in this movement. We want to urgently recommend that every church take full advantage of the opportunity here given, and assure him of your fullest cooperation.

One point the survey did not reveal and that was the reason why the success of practically all unions comes in waves, and after each success the interest of the union receeds.

The officers for the coming year are:

President—Miss Hazel Crouch, Hickory.
Junior and Intermediate Leader—Mrs. M. T. Leatherman, Lincolnton.
Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Clara Frye, Hickory.
Chorister—Miss Ruby Padgett, Lincolnton.
Pianist—Miss Facile Stephens, Hickory.
Vice President, Hickory District—R. A. Self, Hickory.
Vice President, Newton District—J. C. Sanders, Long Island.
Vice President, Maiden District—Miss Ethel Henry, Lincolnton.
Vice President Lincolnton District—Z. T. Wise, Lincolnton.
Jr. and Int. Leader, Hickory District—Mrs. P. A. Underwood, Hickory.
Jr. and Int. Leader, Newton District—Miss Maggie Brown, Catawba.
Jr. and Int. Leader, Maiden District—Miss Mattie Whitener, Maiden.
Jr. and Int. Leader, Lincolnton District—Miss Jennie Whisnant,

Lincolnton.

It would be well nigh impossible to perfect such an organization under ordinary circumstances. Another proof of the great enthusiasm and spirit a B. Y. P. U. creates.

In conclusion we urgently recommend that this session assure these leaders its most loyal support and appreciation.

Respectfully,

C. W. ERVIN.

The report was discussed by C. W. Ervin, C. M. Robinson, H. B. Chronister, and Eph Whisenhunt and adopted.

Two minute talks were made by some members of the churches present. All enjoyed it.

After song, and a prayer by E. S. Whisnant, the Association adjourned to meet again at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9:30. The devotional services were conducted by J. J. Waldrop. Read the 51st division of Psalms. After song: "Take the Name of Jesus With You," and prayer by M. I. Harris, the Moderator called the Asociation to order.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved .

The Moderator appointed the following committees: To nominate two delegates to the Baptist State Convention, T. H. Roach and G. V. Tilley. To nominate one delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention: G. V. Tilley, W. E. Bost and R. P. Heavner.

E. F. Sullivan submitted the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In cooperation with the other associations in the State we recommend that this Asociation adopt the above ratio of division of its funds and that it set as its goal for 1928, $7,500, which is a little more than the Association raised for the objects included in the Co-Operative Program for 1926; that this amount be apportioned upon as fair and equitable a basis as possible among all of the churches of the Association by the Executive Committee of the Association; and that each church endeavor to raise its objective by making an every member canvas December 4-11, the Southwide date set, or at such other time as may seem best, or to raise it by some other method adopted by the church.

In order that this Every-Member Canvass be successful, we would recommend further that the most thoroughly and prayerful preparation be made, beginning several weeks in advance, giving information about the objects included in the Program, and thoroughly indoctrinating the people with the idea of stewardship.

We also recommend that a Mission Leader be elected to represent this Association in its dealing with the General State organization, and that this Mission Leader, in co-operation with the Executive Committee of the Association, communicate with each local church and try to effect a simple organization consisting of a Mission Leader and a Mission Committee of four others at least, and to cooperate with this committee

in every possible way in putting on and successfully carrying through the Co-Operative Program for 1928.

E. F. SULLIVAN.

Thos P. Pruitt read the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School of today is the Church of tomorrow. The Kingdom workers of the future are the boys and girls in our Sunday Schools now. If we would build wisely for the Master in our day and generation we must pay more attention to the training and enlistment of our youth.

The wisest Church today is the one that is giving the most thought and taking the deepest interest in its young constitiency. The greatest task for the laymen and women in our local Churches is training our boys and girls in the Sunday School.

The Church School is the only agency left where the average boy and girl receive any religious training whatever. Religious training in the Home is now almost a thing of the past, hence the great burden is now upon the Sunday School to supply this religious training.

Some of the greatest needs in our Sunday School work in this Association are:

1. An intelligent Sunday School leadership.

The Pastor and Superintendent should be trained in the best plans and methods to reach, teach and win to Christ.

2. A Trained Teaching Force.

The day must soon come when the Church will realize that it is more important that a teacher who is teaching in the Sunday School should be especially trained for his or her task than it is for the public school teacher to be trained to teach in our day schools. Our boys and girls are more and more demanding intelligent instructors.

3. A Systematic check on all Pupils.

This can best be obtained by adopting the six point record system. You will then have a check on the following points: 1—Attendance; 2—On time; 3—Bibles; 4—Prepared lesson; 5—Offering; 6—Attended preaching service. This will serve as a check up to the individual as well as to the School and will result in a widespread desire on the part of the pupil to attain to some extent a better record.

4. A Worth-While Program of Work.

The Standard of Excellence is the program we should first strive to attain. It provides a well-rounded program. A Standard School is developing all sides of religious education.

We could not close this report without commending the fine work done during the past year by our Associational Worker, Bro. K. L. Lineberger. He has been faithful to the task and we predict lasting results as a consequence of the services he has rendered. We trust the Pastors and Superintendents in the Association will lend him more encouragement during the coming year. When we save a boy and girl we save a soul plus a life, surely brethren and sisters it is a work of prime importance and every one that lends a hand in this mighty task will some day hear the Master say "WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT."

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. P. PRUITT.

The report was discussed by T. P. Pruitt and adopted.

K. L. Lineberger submitted his report as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL WORKER

Jesus, our friend and intercessor, speaking as He spoke many centuries ago, commissions us. Those last verses of Matthew send us, everyone of us, "unto the uttermost parts of the earth"; hence the crying need for enlistment work when only one out of evevery three members of our churches is on the job for Jesus. That great unenlisted host is to be enlisted, trained, and put to work at Kingdom extension and promotion. Enlistment work in the church membership, in the Sunday School, and in the Baptist Young Peoples' Union in our Association is a great field, and we know it carries the apporval of our Heavenly Father because of the way he has blessed it.

First—It is a pioneer work. Religious censuses have been taken where they had never been heard of before. Study classes have enrolled persons who never sat in a class before, and some of which did not know that such a thing existed. And this has been done with the most gratifying results in most instances, sometimes far exceeding our fondest expectations for the initial trial—for almost without exception the work grows and it becomes much easier to hold an institute in a given place after a start is made.

Second—The work has had its handicaps, two of which I mention, i. e., the nature of the work itself and the lack of cooperation on the part of some. This lack of cooperation has been due almost entirely to a lack of knowledge of the exact nature and importance of the work. Intelligent cooperation requires knowledge, and the work has grown in favor with many who did not support it as the information needed is furnished. Then the nature of the work itself, the necessity of spending a week or eight days at a place, has made it impossible for the worker to work in as many churches as he would have liked to. Also, Sunday is about the only time of the week that one can get before the people in many of our country churches, and it is impossible to put over an adequate Sunday School or B. Y. P. U. program in that limited time. The progress of the work has been commensurate with these difficulties.

Third—The work has both tangible, and intangible results. Tangibly, as a result of the year's work we report 33 institutes (21 S. S. and 12 B. Y P. U.) held in twenty churches. Eleven of these were eight-day programs, five of which yielded no awards. In these twenty-one Sunday School institutes 231 awards were issued, or an average of 11 per class taught. The 12 B. Y. P. U. institutes yielded 135 awards, and the same average. This makes the total number of awards for the year 366. The class enrollment for the year was 946, with an average attendance of 713, and 774 visitors. The above record is of my own work only. The activity of the Associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. conventions is a great asset to the work. A Sunday School Revival held in August reached twenty of our rural churches and produced most gratifying results. Some of the things we cannot measure very well are: the value of the enlistment work done, programs given from time to time, organization of new B. Y. P. U.'s, conferences held, talks made, suggestions given, etc. Some of the highest experiences of the whole year have been in the enlistment work when someone was led to do his full Christian duty.

Fourth—The expenses for the year have been as follows: Traveling expenses, $120.82; postage, $22.19; supplies, $30.15; miscellaneous, $16.82; making a total for the year of $189.98. And by request I report a per-

HICKORY DISTRICT

Brookford
Corinth
Hickory—First
Highland
Mountain Grove
Penelope
Providence
Warlick's Chapel
West Hickory

NEWTON DISTRICT

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Newton—First
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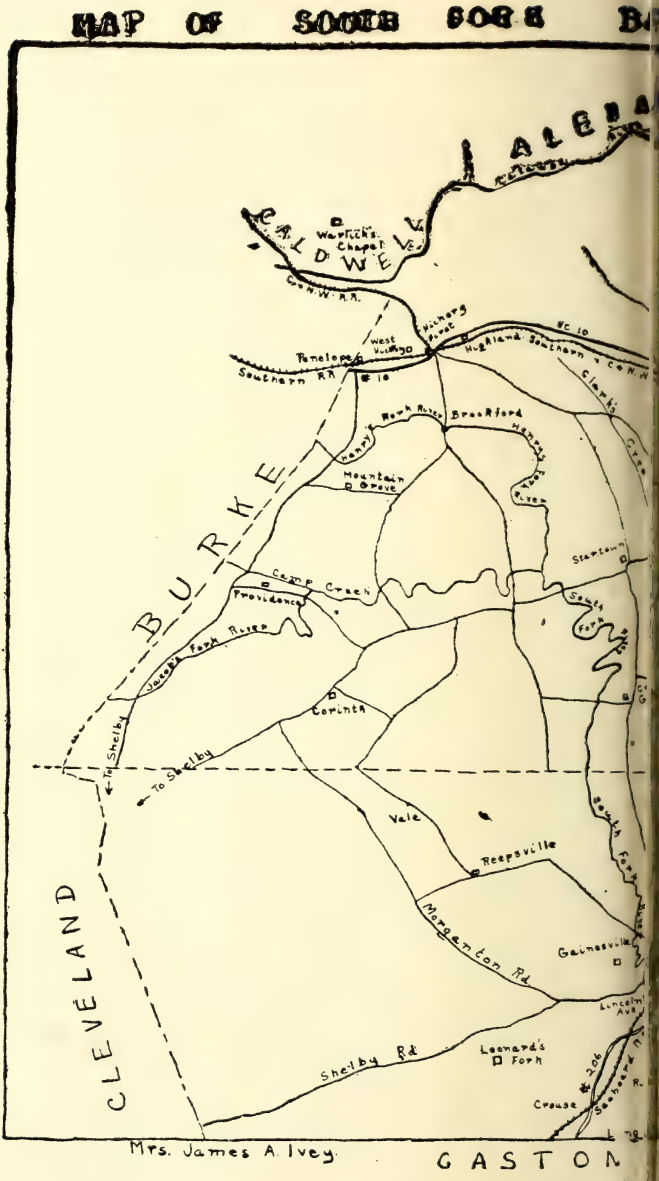

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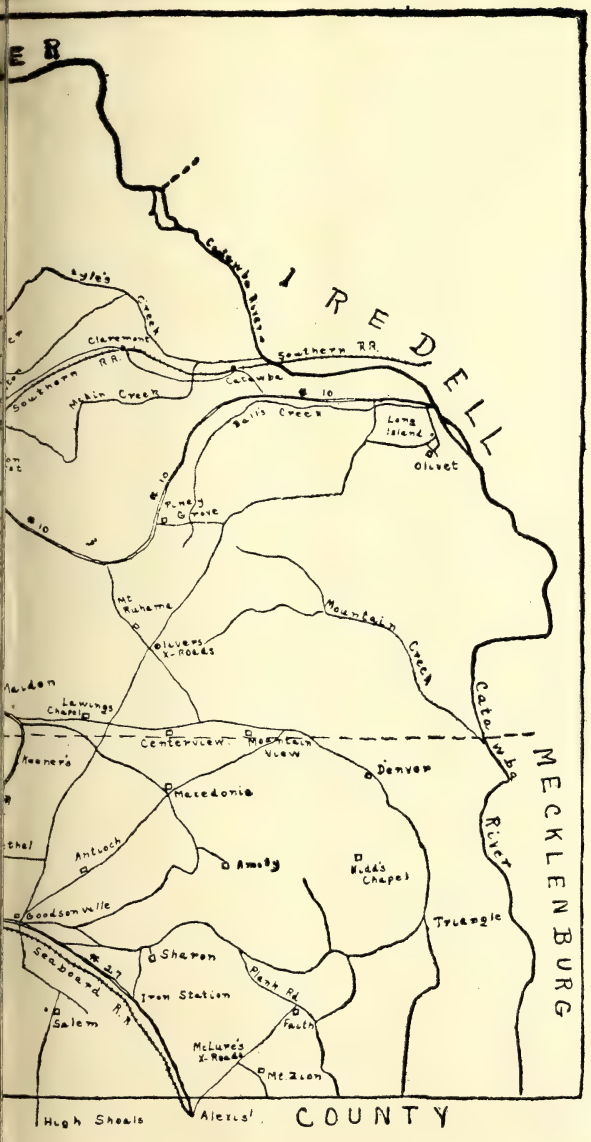

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Centerview
Denver
Kidd's Chapel
Lawing's Chapel
Macedonia
Maiden
Mountain View

LINCOLNTON DISTRICT

Antioch
Bethel
Faith
Gainsville
Goodsonville
Lincolnton—First
Lincolnton Avenue
Leonard's Fork
Long Shoals
Mt. Zion
Reepsville
Riverview
Salem
Sharon

sonal expenditure of $35.70 which I am glad to be able to make. Since Deember 15 I have used my own car, charging to my expenses only the gas and oil, and have traveled 7,000 miles since that date.

And I cannot conclude this report without calling attention to the noble way in which some of our best people have so unselfishly given of their time and talent and encouragement to the work. Some have given a whole month of their time. The Association owes to each one of them a debt of gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. LINEBERGER,
Field Secretary.

The report and the deficit due the Field Secretary was discussed by L. L. Hatfield and S. T. Gaddy. G. C. Campbell made a motion to raise the $238.00 now. The motion was tabled temporarily.

T. C. Singleton made a motion that we give time for a fuller report of the Executive Committee as to the amount each church has paid and the best way to raise the deficit now due the Field Worker, and we give them 30 minutes to get up their report.

The motion carried.

H. B. Chronister submitted the following:

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

A long time ago we got the idea that temperance referred to strong drink; surely we were right, but it means more than that.

The word means moderation of appetites or passion and total abstinence from intoxicating liquors. We may never drink intoxicating drinks and yet be intemperate.

We believe that which is practiced to the extent that it is detrimental to the health of the body is intemperance

Among all the evils of intemperance strong drink is the greatest. It has been, and is yet, the greatest curse to our country, in that it has caused more sorrow and deaths than any other one thing.

While we believe in dry laws being enforced we fear this will never accomplish the desired effect.

May we present the Gospel of Christ as the greatest remedy for this evil?

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. CHRONISTER.

The report was adopted.

C. M. Robinson read the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In the good year 1927 argument or apology in North Carolina for Education is useless because all thinking men appreciate its value. The danger, however, is that its value will come to be measured merely in terms of dollars The State Schools can well afford so to measure it as well as in terms of servie to the State, but our Christian Schools must not so measure it. Indeed, they do not. By as much as Christian Citizenship is of more intrinsic worth than merely good citizenship, by so much is Christian Education superior to any system of education which leaves our Christ. This is not said to discourage the splendid moral training

which one is happy to believe our State Schools provide. The fact remains, however, that our Christian School sare positively Christian, in attitude and purpose, for their faculties are Christian. The State Schools must insist on high moral standards; but be it remembered that the moral standards of today may degenerate tomorrow, and doubtless would but for the Christian code of ethics whih is ever lifting existing moral standards to higher levels. Herein lies the function of Christian Education, and herein is indicated its ever increasing task. Shall our State in all its activities be dominated by Christian Standards of conduct? It is for our churches and Chrstian Schools to say. In a word, the value of Education depends upon the attitude of mind and heart which is developed simultaneously with the acquiring of useful knowledge; and to the task of developing Christian attitudes our Baptist Schools have set themselves. "What will an education do for me?" is of secondary importance. But "What will a trained mind and heart help me to do for others" is of supreme importance. Here lies the emphasis of Christian Education; and surely, there is tremendous need for such emphasis at this time of confusion and change. Never have Christians and especially Baptists had a more challenging opportunity.

What then is our opportunity? Men and women of thought and action everywhere are asking, "To whom shall we go?" Cultured and consecrated leadership is the need of the hour. Years ago our Baptist Schools trained a large percent of those graduating from any High School. Now we have only one High School left. On the other hand, we have students in college in larger numbers. These must be trained for Christian leadership in church and state. Here is our opportunity. We cannot train the many but we must give those whom we do train the very best. Given the proper Christian training and attitude, ponder well the service which the nearly 2,000 college students now in our schools will render in future years. The cost of providing such training now is a mere nothing when compared with the probable service these 2,000 will render to the on-going of the Kingdom.

Another contribution which our schools are making is worthy of our keen interest. Wake Forest, Mars Hill, Wingate and Campbell have summer schools. Last year at Wake Forest some 400 public school teachers had their first opportunity to study the Bible under competent teachers. Since most of our boys and girls must be trained in the public shools, it must be of deep concern to us that the conduct and attitude of these teachers shall be not only morally good but positively Christian. And such an attitude our Baptist Summer Schools are meant to impart.

This final word—Our schools must grow or go. Several have gone already. Worth-while things cost money. We must put not only our boys and girls into our schools but our money as well. Through the Co-operative Program we must provide for operating them until such time as we can accumulate sufficient endowment. Then, we must within the next three years raise a great CENTENNIAL FUND, so that they may be released from burdonsome debt and have a chance to G-R-O-W. If we are to be worthy of our God and those Baptist Builders who, in faith, began these enterprises, we must not, we cannot, having set our hands to the plow, look backward. We have the ideals; we have eager minds hungering for the full truth and hearts aglow for service! we have the money. Let us give our ideals a chance to direct our money so that these eager minds and glowing hearts may be prepared for spiritual service. And the Kingdom will surely come. To some the big question seems to be: "How can we support our schools?" In truth, the real

question is: "How can we afford not to support them?"

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. ROBINSON, Committee.

The report was discused by C. M. Robinson, R. C. Campbell and E. F. Sullivan, and adopted.

The Treasurer read and explained the financial condition of the treasury was such that he could not pay the deficit.

On motion, the matter of deficit and employment of Associational Worker was taken from the table. And after discussion, cash, and pledges to be paid by October 10th, 1927, were taken and the amount was soon raised.

On motion, K. L. Lineberger was elected for another year at a salary of $750.00, and expenses, $150.00; making a total of $900.00.

By motion, the Association adjourned for dinner.

Prayer by G. V. Tilley

AFTERNOON SESSION

At the song, "I Can Hear My Savior Calling," the Association reassembled.

E. F. Sullivan conducted the devotional services, read and impressed the truth of "Abiding in Christ," and led the prayer.

The Moderator calls the Association to order, and appoints the following to write reports for the next session.

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS

State Missions—E. F. Sullivan.
Home Missions—Eph Whisenhunt.
Foreign Missions—G. V. Tilley.
Orphans—L. A. McClue.
Hospitals—Mrs. Eph Whisenhunt.
Woman's Work—M. I. Harris.
Christian Education—R. C. Campbell.
Sunday Schools—President of the S. S. Convention.
Ministers Relief—O. Joe Howard.
Digest of Letters—J. Yates Killian.
Obituaries—I. I. Williams.
B. Y. P. U.—President of B. Y. P. U.
Temperance—T. C. Singleton.

T. H. Caldwell read the following:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Since the last meeting of our Association many of our homes have been saddened by the departure of loved ones who have been called from life into eternity. Yet in these sad hours, we find a great comfort in the fact that those who love the Lord and are called from us are stepping out into a greater life; a life where there will be no cares or sorrows.

The calling from us of our loved ones who trust in Jesus, should cause us to look toward our future home more anxiously as we realize that we shall meet them again where there will be no more parting and sadness, but all will be joy and happiness.

The following is the number of our departed friends from the following churches:

Bethel	3	Lincolnton First	3
Newton	2	Macedonia	2
Olivet	2	Providence	4
Corinth	1	Mt. View	2
Mt. Grove	2	Lawing Chapel	1
Highland	3	Mt. Ruhama	1
Maiden	3	Center View	2
Penelope	3	Warlicks	2
Leonard's Fork	2		
Hickory First	4	Total	41

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. CALDWELL, Committee.

T. C. Singleton read the following:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In submitting a brief report of the Woman's Missionary Union, I am aware of the time and space given to this very important part of our great Baptist Missionary work as promoted and fostered by our faithful women in the South Fork Baptist Association. Their untiring efforts to get our men and women interested in missions; to know what they owe and how to pay it, has been an incentive in every church where the work has been perfected.

The one redeeming feature of their work is the study of the needs of the Kingdom's work at home and abroad. To this most important phase the women have addressed themselves. The Programs and Literature, and study course books are all of the very best to be had. They have built their programs around the words of our blessed Lord, Look, Pray, Go, Give. "Lift up your eyes and look on the field that is ripe already unto harvest." "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest." "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all Nations." Give and it shall be given unto you." The faithful women have put their emphasis on, Study, Prayer, Service, and Giving.

Our women meet for the week of prayer, and as they pray they know in a definite way for what and whom to pray. We are aware of the fact that concentration and consecration of effort will win. Our women fully believe that they are God-called and God-sent. We fully believe that they have set a pace that our men would do well to follow. They help each other, by going from home to home and from church to church in their Association.

Some achievements in the past year: Last year there were reported 15 societies in our Association, leaving 25 churches without a women's Missionary society. This year we are glad to report 20 women's Missionary societies. This shows a gain of five for which we are justly thankful. This has been accomplished by the faithful and untiring efforts of Mrs. O. Joe Howard and her assistants in this work, together with the leaders in each of the churches. They have decided to accept the amount apportioned by State and ask for prayers and cooperation during

the coming year.

Your committee earnestly solicits the interest of all our churches to cooperate in this most important part of our great Denominational work.

Respectfully submitted,
T. C. SINGLETON.

The report was discussed by T. C. Singleton and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to write program for next session—L. A. McClure and T. H. Roach.

T. H. Roach submitted the following:

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

We, your Committee, beg leave to recommend that M. I. Harris and R. C. Campbell be elected as messengers to the Bapist State Convention.

T. H. ROACH.

The report was adopted.

The Committee to nominate a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, nominated Osborne Brown. He was elected.

E. F. Sullivan was elected Missionary Leader to co-operate with the State Mission Board.

Your Committee to recommend two members of the Extension Committee, beg leave to recommend the following—L. L. Hatfield and Beecher Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
M. I. HARRIS,
T. C. SINGLETON,
R G. SHORT.

The report was adopted and the two suggested weer declared elected for three years.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Executive Committee has been very active during the past year. We have had five meetings of the Committee during the Associational year and the members of the Committee have done quite a lot of work between our meetings. We held our first meeting November 29th, 1926, at which time we received applications from the several churches desiring aid from the State Mission Board and also considered plans to raising the salary of our Field Worker, which duty was placed on us by the last meeting of the Association at Macedonia. We were not able to work out our plans for our year's work at this meeting and met again December 13th. We held another meeting in March, one in April and a call meeting in August.

At our November meeting the following applications for aid from the State Mission Board were received:

West Hickory	$300.00	
Penelope	300.00	
North Newton	350.00	
Denver	200.00	
Startown	75.00	$1,225.00

After due consideration and investigation of the needs of these churhes, we recommended to the State Mission Board that these amounts be granted, the amount for North Newton being conditioned on develop-

ments of plans they were trying to work out in securing a good strong man as pastor for their church.

We have been advised that the State Mission Board granted aid to churches in the Association as follows:

West Hickory	$300.00	
Penelope	300.00	
Denver	100.00	$700.00

The Committee gave its endorsement of the quarterly Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. meetings to be held in the various sections of the Asosciation and appointed a committee to work with Bro. K. L. Lineberger, our Field Worker, in arranging for these meetings, getting up programs, etc.

Some of our churches have supported the Asociational Worker very generously, some not quite so good and some nothing at all. At present time we are considerably behind with his salary and expenses, about $260.00, and he needs the money. The only thing we know to do is to lay the burden back on the various churches and look to them to come to our relief. We think that Bro. Lineberger has done a good work and some of our Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. organizations is our testimony of his work with them. As to the matter of continuing this work, we lay the matter back in the hands of the Associations for consideration and decision.

Miss Mary Harris, daughter of Bro. M. I. Harris, pastor of Lincolnton Avenue church, make application for the scholarship. The Committee voted unanimously to give her the scholarship and as she was in school at Mars Hill College last, she was given the scholarship with the privilege of using it at Mars Hill if she so desired. She elected to use the scholarship at Mars Hill and is in school there this year.

At our meeting last November we agreed to set as our goal for State Missoins Day in our Sunday Schools, the second Sunday in October, an amount equal to what we receive from the State Mission Board in the Association. We pass the recommendation on to the various churches and Sunday Schools in the Association for their consideration and cooperation.

So far as we are able to learn, the work in the bounds of the Association has been moving along very smoothly during this year and conditions look very encouraging to us.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. HATFIELD, Chairman.

S. T. Gaddy submitted the following:

TRUSTEE'S REPORT (Scholarship Fund).

Amount on hand last report	$2,633.30
Accrued interest to Oct. 1st, 1927	292.02
Preesnt amount of funds	$2,925.32
Funds Invested:	
Maiden Graded Schools	$ 600.00
(This debt assumed by County Board of Education).	
Fidelity Hosiery Mills Company	891.74
Claremont Hosiery Mills Company	1,141.56
	$2,633.30

S. T. GADDY, Trustee.

The report was discusesd and adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Asssociation endorses the action of the Executive Committee in granting the Scholarship of 1926-27 to Mars Hill, and that the committee use their judgement in granting the scholarship to any of our young women to any of the Baptist schools in the State.

L. V. Padgett was appointed Orphanage Representative in this Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to write program for next year's session: L. A. McClure, M. I. Harris.

L. L. Hatfield submitted this motion: I move that each church of the South Fork Association be asked to place the name of its church where it can be easily seen by those who pass by it. The motion carried.

A. M. Harrill submitted the following:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Whereas, we, the visitors and messengers to the South Fork Association in its forty-ninth session, having received the generous Old Southern hospitality from the heart and hands of Pastor H. B. Chronister and his most loyal and faithful members, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we render our pure, unselfish thanks for their Christian fellowship and kindness. Be it further resolved that we give our rising vote of thanks to the good women of the church and community for the way they have prepared for our physical needs during these two days. We shall always thank God at every remembrance of them.

A. M. HARRILL.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

By motion the clerk was authorized to have as many minutes printed as he had the money to pay for; and that he be paid $35.00 for his work.

A rising vote of thanks was given the Moderator for his kind, efficient and unbiased rulings as a presiding officer.

There being no further business, after the song, "God be with You 'till We Meet Again," and prayer, the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Ruhama Church on Thursday after the Fourth Sunday in September, 1928, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator,
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

(NOTE—Those writing reports, please be plain, pointed, practical and prief and save cost.)

W. M. U. REPORT

The annual meeting of the W. M. U., of the South Fork Association was held August 25th, 1927, at Newton First Church, opened at 10:30 A. M..

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. E. F. Sullivan. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. J. W. Hendricks, and responded to by Mrs. H. H. Powell.

The Treasurer, Mrs. M. I.. Harris, made her report.. The Report Charts were explained by Mrs. Whitfield Tobey. An interesting talk was made by Mrs. O. Joe Howard. A beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Ruby Padgett.

The visitors, the W. M. U. Presidents, and the Young Peoples' leaders, were introduced After which, the roll of churches was called.

The memorial was read by Mrs. E. N. Carr. The committee on Time and Place was apponted as follows: Mrs. M. I. Harris, Lincolnton; Miss Della Abernethy, Maiden; Mrs. J. B. Morris, Newton; Mrs. W. H. Wheeler, Hickory.

The Nominating Committee is as follows: Mrs. H. H. Heavener, Maiden; Mrs. T. V. Linebarger, Lincolnton; Mrs. Austin Wood, Newton; Mrs. Hilton Bowles, Hickory.

Adjourned for dinner and met again at 1:30. Mrs. R. G. Short conducted the devotional services. A pageant was rendered by the First Baptist Church of Lincolnton.

The round table discussion was led by Miss Gertrude Mattison. The Posters Emphasized was led by Mrs. J. T. McLean. The Ruby Anniversary was discussed, Miss Gertrude Mattison leading.

The following officers were elected: Superintendent, Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Hickory; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. T. J. McLean, Lincolnton; Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Tobey, Lincolnton; Treasurer, Mrs. M. I. Harris, Lincolnton; Young Peoples' Leader, Mrs. Hilton Bowles, Hickory; Mission and Bible Study, Mrs. J. A. Ivey, Hickory; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. J. B. Morris, Newton; Music Chairman, Miss Ruby Padgett, Lincolnton.

District Chairmen: Hickory District, Mrs. P. A. Underwood, Hickory; Newton District, Mrs. J. W. Hendricks, Newton; Maiden District, Miss Della Abernethy, Maiden, and Mrs. W. M. Lawing, Lincolnton; Lincolnton District, Mrs. T. J. Ramsour, Lincolnton.

A good meeting.

REPORTER.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members,two from each section of the Association to serve one year, one from each section for two years, one from each section for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of each session a committee of three to nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at 10 a. m. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Association.

8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee at each session of the Association of two mmebers to prepare a program for the succeeding session, and that the same be incorporated in the minutes; and that the pastor of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be included in the program committee, making the committee consist of three.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.
3. The hours for business shall be: Meet at 9:00 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.
4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.
5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordane with "Kelfoots Parliamentary Practice."
6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	SUNDAY OF PREACHING	GAIN BY				LOST BY				TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	HAVE WEEKLY PRY. MEETING	Revivals Last Year	TAKES RECORDER
		BAPTISM	LETTERS	STATEMENT	RESTORATION	LETTER	EXPULSION	ERATION	DEATH				
Bethel	1st and 3rd Sunday		1			3		1	2	88	No	1	3
Brookford	Every Sunday	13	9	6	4	22				225	Yes	2	3
Catawba	1st and 3rd Sunday	4				1				142	No	1	4
Center View	1st and 3rd Sunday	10	1			4	2			125	Yes	1	
Corinth	Fourth Sunday	7	2						1	134	No	1	
Denver	2nd and 4th Sunday									22	No		5
Faith	Not Stated					1				26	Yes	1	
Gainsville	2nd and 4th Sunday	15	5							200			
Goodsonville	Every Sunday					2				81	Yes	2	
Hickory First	Every Sunday	43	72	26		51			8	787	Yes	1	65
Highland	Every Sunday	20	44	2	2	24	17		3	342	Yes	2	25
Lawings Chapel	2nd Sat. and Sunday	14	5			7		1	1	154	Yes	1	
Leonards Fork	2nd and 4th Sunday					1			2	70	No	1	1
Lincolnton First	Every Sunday	5	27			14	10	5	3	305	Yes	1	37
Lincolnton Avenue	Every Sunday	19	5	3		8				222	Yes	1	8
Macedonia	1st and 3rd Sunday	9			2	6		1	2	210	No	1	2
Maiden	Every Sunday	14	23	1		12			3	378	Yes	1	5
Mountain Grove	2nd and 4th Sunday	3				1			2	110	No	1	2
Mount Ruhama	1st and 3rd Sunday	5	7		1	6		1		238	Yes	1	
Mountain View	2nd and 4th Sunday		7			2			4	129	Yes	1	
Mount Zion	1st and 3rd Sunday	6	5			1			2	141	No	1	3
Newton First	Every Sunday		22			9			2	208	Yes		
North Newton	2nd and 4th Sunday	2	1			1				74	Yes	1	2
Olivet	2nd and 4th Sunday	4	1			2		13	2	163	Yes	1	15
Penelope	Every Sunday	27	15	2		45			3	269	Yes	2	15
Piney Grove	First Sunday	4								47	Yes	1	
Providence	1st and 3rd Sunday	8							4	138	No	1	
Reepsville	1st and 3rd Sunday	20	2			8				94	Yes	1	
River View	Every Sunday	6	8			11				145	Yes	1	8
Sharon	Fourth Sunday	4	2			2				72	Yes	1	2
South Salem	1st and 3rd Sunday		4			3	2		1	67	Yes	1	
Southside	Second Sunday	6	10	6						62	Yes	1	
Warlicks	1st Sunday	11	4		1	7			1	76	No	1	
West Hickory	Every Sunday	23	31	1	2	28	3			269	Yes	1	6
TOTALS		302	313	47	12	282	34	22	46	5813		35	211

(NOTE—The membership gain over last year is 181).

CHURCHES	When Organized	PASTORS	Value of Church Property	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE
Bethel	1895	Have none	$ 1,100.00	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton.
Brookford	1910	D. S. Lee	20,000.00	Burris B. Bishop, Brookford
Catawba	1874	R. Lee Davis	5,000.00	C. W. Ervin, Catawba.
Center View	1915	L. A. McClure	2,500.00	J. F. Hoover, Lincolnton. R-4.
Corinth	1870	H. B. Chronister	2,000.00	C. O. Richey, Vale, R-4.
Denver	1814	C. M. Robinson	2,500.00	H. M. Abernethy, Charlotte.
Faith	1905	H. B. Jones	1,200.00	B. E. Ballard, Iron Station.
Gainsville	1923	L. A. Bangle	2,000.00	C. C. Houser, Crouse
Goodsonville	1922	H. B. Jones	1,500.00	B. M. Smith, Lincolnton, R-3.
Hickory First	1870	R. C. Campbell	125,000.00	Edward L. Fox, Hickory.
Highland	1912	E. F. Sullivan	30,000.00	O. T. Rockett, Hickory.
Lawings Chapel	1908	L. A. McClure	500.00	Samuel Bandy, Lincolnton, R-4.
Leonards Fork	1883	W. J. Camp	900.00	J. W. Hoover, Crouse.
Lincolnton First	1859	Eph Whisenhunt	78,000.00	E. T. Childs, Jr., Lincolnton.
Lincolnton Avenue	1910	M. I. Harris	2,187.00	J. V. Dellinger, Lincolnton.
Macedonia	1886	W. B. McClure	10,500.00	J. B. Ewing, Lincolnton.
Maiden	1891	T. C. Singleton	10,000.00	T. H. Caldwell, Maiden.
Mountain Grove	1881	Lee J. Jones	2,000.00	L. F. Huffman, Hickory. R-1
Mount Ruhama	1893	L. A. McClure	3,550.00	Geo. W. Caldwell, Newton, R-2.
Mountain View	1893	L. A. McClure	5,000.00	M. O Gilleland, Maiden, R-1
Mount Zion	1869	T. H. Roah	2,000.00	M. J. Hager, Alexis.
Newton First	1881	G. V. Tilley	46,000.00	Miss Rose Moose, Newton.
North Newton	1921	G. V. Tilley	3,500.00	Mrs. J. E. Link, Newton.
Olivet	1837	C. M. Robinson	4,000.00	F. B. Tilley, Long Island.
Penelope	1889	. A. Underwood	10,000.00	C. C. Kees, Hickory, R-4.
Piney Grove	1904	C. M. Robinson	600.00	Lee Setzer, Newton, R-2.
Providence	1878	. J. Waldrop	2,000.00	R. L. Asherbranner, Vale, R-4.
Reepsville	1899	'arl Devine	1,050.00	Marion Sronce, Lincolnton, R-2.
River View	1899	T. H. Roach	7,000.00	J. B. Summey, Lincolnton, R-5.
Sharon	1884	W. E. Bost	600.00	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station.
South Salem	1851	L. A. McClure	500.00	Clarene Helms, Lincolnton, R-6.
South Side	1925	J. M. Ballard	1,800.00	Alice Huss, Lincolnton, R-6.
Warlicks	1875	H. B. Chronister	1,500.00	E. T. Berry, Icard.
West Hickory	1907	R. G. Short	11,000.00	W. A. Lutz, West Hickory.

HOME EXPENSES

CHURCHES	PASTOR'S SALARIES	OTHER SALARIES	MINISTERIAL HELP	BUILDING AND REPAIRS	INCIDETALS	S. S. AND B.Y.P.U., ETC.	HELP TO THE POOR	MINUTES AND PRINTING	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES
Bethel	$ 188.17	$	$ 27.81	$	$ 14.16	$ 5.00	$	$ 2.00	$	$ 264.18
Brookford	972.60		90.01	3,531.34	79.98	51.76		3.00	3.00	5,147.82
Catawba	260.00	19.53	86.10	24.32	97.22	113.41	25.00	2.70	12.05	640 33
Center View	295.75		100.22		25.00	59.74		1.50	75.00	556.71
Corinth	200.00		50.00		24.00	35.00		3.20	11.50	323.70
Denver	150.00							1.00		151.00
Faith	50.00		25.87					.10	2.00	79.87
Gainsville	300.00			100.00	50.00	40.00		1.00		491.00
Goodsonville	750.00	75.00		150.00	20.00	25.00		1.50		1,020.00
Hickory First	3,525.00	420.00	893.60	3,857.61	3,415.45	744.36	75.00	25.00	25.00	12,956.02
Highland	1,950.00	86.00	125.00	1,973.05	723.85	489.84	29.10	6.00	157.12	5,539.96
Lawings Chapel	204.26	30.21			21.00			1.05		256.26
Leonards Fork	200.00		11.00			6.00			6.84	223.84
Lincolnton First	2,200.00		188.00	2,451.11	920.21	281.66	82.50	5.00	346.56	6,475.04
Lincolnton Avenue	1,350.00		40.75	2,468.99	252.85	117.61	25.90	3.50	152.25	4,411.85
Macedonia	359.80		71.60		25.00	31.00		2.25		489.65
Maiden	1,260.57			96.90	41.90			8.37	95.36	1,503.12
Mountain Grove	534.00		48.00	23.00		45.00		3.00	8.75	661.75
Mount Ruhama	448.20		50.00		49.85	31.39	33.46	5.00	3.00	620.90
Mountain View	240.00		30.00	25.00		35.00	9.60	2.00	30.80	373.40
Mount Zion	231.46		50.00	11.00	3.00	76.21	5.00	2.00	47.85	426.59
Newton First	1,750.00			1,096.68	244.58	140.00	10.00	5.00	126.00	3,372.26
North Newton	432.00	57.00	18.00	75.00	35.80	3.40	45.00	1.50	40.13	707.33
Olivet	900.00		101.00	344.00	31.50	142.00	25.00	3.00	39.50	1,586.00
Penelope	1,378.20		117.16	950.48	468.95	250.00	25.00	2.00	125.00	3,316.79
Piney Grove	125.00		15.00		16.00	24.00		.80		180.80
Providence	266.91	29.00	55.00	90.00	14.23	28.69		1.05		484.88
Reepsville	100.00		21.00	35.00		13.37	25.00	1.50		195.87
River View	916.75		122.23	857.70	29.55	50.24	40.35	3.00	17.10	2,036.92
Sharon	108.20		21.50	18.00		27.50		1.25		176.45
South Salem	153.36	3.80	20.00		3.00	27.17		.50	21.00	228.88
Southside	88.00		61.00	91.54	41.00	30.00	10.00	1.80	6.40	329.73
Warlicks	192.00		44.00	25.00		52.56		1.00	8.39	322.95
West Hickory	1,200.00		55.35	60.25	254.97	161.47		5.00	148.03	1,885.07
TOTALS	$23,280.23	$ 720.54	$2,539.20	$1,735.96	$7,003.05	$3,138.38	$ 465.96	$ 106.59	$1,509.18	$40,499.09

BENEVOLENT OBJECTS

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	STATE MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	MINISTERIAL EDUCATION	SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES	HOSPITALS	ORPHANAGES	MINISTERIAL RELIEF OLD MINISTERS	TOTALS
Bethel	$	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	$ 8.85	$	$	$	$	$	$ 28.85
Brookford	37.50		22.35	6.15			22.90	17.41		106.31
Catawba		19.54	2.25	46.50	2.75		31.00	95.25		197.29
Center View				6.50				40.00		46.50
Corinth		15.00	5.00	2.00			1.00	15.00	2.60	40.60
Denver	10.25									10.25
Faith		4.50								4.50
Gainsville			6.43				4.88	5.00		16.31
Hickory First	3,476.48	11.13	72.77	187.50			41.00	1,325.20		5,114.08
Highland	1,221.71	19.61					14.00	200.72		1,456.04
Lawings Chapel		1.05	1.48	22.50		3.40	13.90	10.40	1.15	53.58
Leonards Fork		5.00		5.10			3.00	10.00		23.10
Lincolnton First	356.43	177.90	60.29	225.50		3.75	58.76	261.11		1,143.74
Lincolnton Avenue	122.51	40.00		40.00			13.00	20.00		236.01
Macedonia	20.00							16.28		36.28
Maiden		4.50	9.35	19.70				8.40		41.95
Mountain Grove	34.37	29.05		11.69			15.95	75.00		166.05
Mount Ruhama		4.50		39.70				31.31		75.51
Mountain View		6.85	9.60	2.45			8.55	7.00		34.45
Mount Zion		15.00	15.00	15.00				47.65		92.65
Newton First	174.60						8.00	150.00		332.60
North Newton		5.41	3.50	9.15			5.41	62.01		85.98
Olivet	323.78	79.15			30.12		14.10	80.75	10.25	528.15
Penelope	299.56							42.16		341.72
Piney Grove	18.00	2.00		2.00			6.50			28.50
Providence	24.47						15.45	9.50		49.42
Reepsville			25.00	3.54			3.50	3.50		35.54
River View		84.45	37.25	52.25				120.49		294.44
Sharon	7.16	4.70	3.30	4.40			4.50	6.10		30.16
South Salem		2.03	3.00	4.00			3.00	13.00		25.03
Southside	20.78									20.78
West Hickory	230.14	33.00	16.65	15.74			14.28	11.85		321.66
TOTALS	$6,387.75	$ 574.37	$ 303.22	$ 720.12	$ 32.87	$ 7.15	$ 294.68	$2,505.09	$ 14.00	$11,018.03

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Secretaries of Sunday Schools and Addresses	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS	BEGINNERS 3 TO 5 YEARS	PRIMARIES 6 TO 8 YEARS	JUNIORS 9 TO 12 YEARS	INTERMEDIATES 13 TO 16 YEARS	YOUNG PEOPLE 17 TO 24 YEARS	ADULTS 25 YEARS & UP	CRADLE ROLL UNDER 3 YEARS	HOME DEPARTMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	IS THE S. S. GRADED?	IS IT STANDARD?	BAPTISMS FROM S. S.	CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL OBJECTS
Bethel	Miss Jennie Turner, Lincolnton	8									83	40	Yes	No		59.64
Brookford	Mrs. Lela Stepp, Brookford	16	17	20	19	33	24	36			160	125	Yes	No		152.22
Catawba	W. R. Keith, Catawba	11	11	15	27	18	16	35			123		Yes	No	3	197.36
Center View	J. F. Hovis, Lincolnton, R-3	13	24	17	15	11	34	29			143	95	Yes	No	10	106.24
Corinth	C. O. Ritchey, Vale, R-4	13	9	12	16	24	15	46			135	40	Yes	No	5	35.00
Gainsville	Annie B. Tutherow, Crouse, R-1	10	30	29	30	33	17				149				6	
Goodsonville	D. L. Blalock, Lincolnton, R-3	17	15	19	28	26	32	40	10		187	88	Yes	No		200.00
Hickory First	Edgar L. Fox, Hickory	80	72	56	102	84	48	200	101	35	778	405	Yes	Yes	40	1,706.77
Highland	James Kerr, Hickory	52	54	59	82	62	90	100	43	36	578	263	Yes	Yes	16	899.84
Lawings Chapel	Miss Irene Cook, Lincolnton, R-4	16	13	12	16	21	18	37	31		164	75	Yes	Yes	12	70.13
Leonards Fork	Miss Fern Hoover, Crouse	6	2	3	3	3	5	6			28	25	Yes	Yes		
Lincolnton First	L. V. Padgett, Lincolnton	34	22	35	51	35	41	59	34	36	347	158	Yes	Yes	5	
Lincolnton Avenue	M. G. Chapman, Lincolnton	25	31	30	48	48	65	50	70		367	200	Yes	No	8	51.31
Macedonia	Ed. Painter, Lincolnton	11	4	12	30	22	44	20			143	80	No	No	6	31.00
Maiden	G. C. Taylor, Maiden	16	31	57	93	44	76	115			432	250	No	No	12	778.14
Mountain Grove	Marie Whitener, Hickory, R-1	12	12	17	16	10	13	26			106	60	No	No	2	100.00
Mount Ruhama	Robert Drum, Newton, R-2	14	16	29	37	26	30	64	25		241	115	Yes	No	4	
Mountain View	L. P. Gilleland, Maiden, R-1										87	67	Yes	No		
Mount Zion	Iva Cloninger, Alexis	15	13	10	16	24	13	26			102	60	Yes	No	4	131.86
Newton First	Miss Cornelia Morrison, Newton	16	24	42	23	57	51	49	13		264	170	Yes	No		454.00
North Newton	Mrs. J. E. Link, Newton	12	18	10	7	26	45	12			130	75	No.	No	2	291.54
Olivet	W. A. Kale, Catawba	21	16	27	59	45	38	41	12	21	280	145	Yes	Yes	4	477.23
Penelope	W. C. A. Thorneburg, Hickory, R-4	28	28	46	56	27	34	40	35		292	175	Yes	No	17	314.30
Piney Grove	E. F. Barker, Claremont	6	4	12	6	8	8	16			60	25	No	No	4	26.00
Providence	Carrie Hudson, Vale	18	10	14	27	20	17	43	20	4	173	106	Yes	No	8	278.65
Reepsville	Miss Ella Shronce, Lincolnton	13	13	18	19	17	16	30	22		148	108	Yes	No	6	51.61
River View	E. L. Johnson, Lincolnton, R-5	10	15	27	30	43	15	81			221	148	Yes	No	4	204.75
Sharon	Miss Edna Lineberger, Iron Station	7		8	20	12		28			75	50	Yes	No	3	
South Salem	Clarence Helms, Lincolnton	10	8	9	9	18	8	19			91	50	Yes	No		13.03
Southside	Ocie Boyles, Lincolnton, R-6	8	28		29		58	19	6		148	78	Yes	No	6	182.31
Warlicks	J. C. Fullbright, Hickory, R-4	15	21	8	22	20	11	32	10		139	70	Yes	No	5	40.00
West Hickory	C. H. Brittain, Hickory, R-5	14	28	45	16	21	103	66	12		305	190	Yes	No	23	282.50
TOTALS		547	589	698	954	838	991	1360	444	132	6679	2736			195	$7,005.43

South Fork Association Program for Year 1928

MT. RUHAMA CHURCH

THURSDAY AFTER FOURTH SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY MORNING

10:00 A. M. ..... Sermon
10:45 A. M. ..... Organization
11:00 A. M. ..... Biblical Recorder
11:30 A. M. ..... Orphanage
12:00 M. ..... Adjournment

Thursday Afternoon

1:10 P. M. ..... Devotional
1:25 P. M. ..... Miscellaneous
1:35 P. M. ..... Sunday Schools
2:05 P. M. ..... Report of Executive Committee
2:35 P. M. ..... Report Associational Worker
3:00 P. M. ..... Two Minute Report from each Church
4:00 P. M. ..... Miscellaneous
4:10 P. M. ..... Adjournment

Thursday Night

7:15 P. M. ..... Devotional
7:30 P. M. ..... B. Y. P. U.
8:00 P. M. ..... Education
8:45 P. M. ..... Miscellaneous
9:00 P. M. ..... Adjournment

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 A. M. ..... Devotional
9:45 A. M. ..... Miscellaneous
9:55 A. M. ..... Reading of Minutes
10:10 A. M. ..... State Missions
10:40 A. M. ..... Home Missions
11:10 A. M. ..... Foreign Missions
11:40 A. M. ..... Minister's Relief
12:00 M. ..... Adjournment

Friday Afternoon

1:10 P. M. ..... Devotional
1:25 P. M. ..... Hospital
1:55 P. M. ..... Woman's Work
2:25 P. M. ..... Temperance
2:45 P. M. ..... Obituaries
2:55 P. M. ..... Digest of Church Letters
3:10 P. M. ..... Miscellaneous
3:25 P. M. ..... Adjournment

L. A. McCLURE,
T. H. ROACH, *Committee.*

Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world!—JOHN 1 : 29.

Even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life.—JOHN 3:14-15

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.—JOHN 12:32.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. — MATT. 16:24.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. — PHIL. 2:5-11. * * * * * *

Donated by Mrs. J. Oscar Shuford
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J. F. Click, *Clerk* ..... Hickory, N. C.
J. Yates Killian, *Treasurer* ..... Newton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

One Year	*Two Years*	*Three Years*
J. Y. Killian	Beeker Smith	R. A. Self
L. V. Padgett	L. L. Hatfield	W. W. Ervin

PASTORS

W. W. Abernethy ..... Lincolnton
Claud Abernethy ..... Icard
J. M. Ballard ..... Alexis
L. A. Bangle ..... Lincolnton
W. E. Bost ..... Maiden
R. C. Campbell ..... Hickory
R. Lee Davis ..... Statesville
Carl L. Devine ..... Lincolnton, R-4
E. F. Hardin ..... Lincolnton
M. I. Harris ..... Hickory, R-4
W. Arthur Huffman ..... Gastonia
H. B. Jones ..... Lincolnton
W. C. Laney ..... Brookford
L. A. McClure ..... Alexis
W. B. McClure ..... Alexis
J. B. Payne ..... Belmont
T. H. Roach ..... Lincolnton
C. M. Robinson ..... Catawba
T. C. Singleton ..... Maiden
R. G. Short ..... Hickory
E. F. Sullivan ..... Hickory
J. L. Teague ..... Hickory
Geo. V. Tilley ..... Newton
L. R. Williams ..... Maiden
J. J. Waldrop ..... Vale

NOT PASTORS

C. R. Arnold ..... West Hickory
P. W. Bangle ..... Lincolnton
Ed. Brown ..... Lincolnton, R-1
V. L. Christopher ..... Hickory, R-4
H. M. Croom ..... Hickory, R-2
S. G. Gordon ..... Lincolnton, R-1
Vance Havner ..... Hickory, R-1
W. W. Jones ..... Hickory
Forney Link ..... Lincolnton
A. L. Whitesides ..... Lincolnton
S. P. Young ..... Vale

PROCEEDINGS

South Fork Baptist Association convened in its fiftieth annual session with Mt. Ruhama church on Thursday, September 27, 1928, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M.

The congregation sang "The Way of the Cross." R. C. Campbell read the 8th chapter of Acts, and lead in the prayer.

ANNUAL SERMON

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. R. G. Short, of West Hickory. His subject was, "The Mission of the Church is Soul Winning." It was a good, practical sermon.

After prayer, Dr. C. H. Maddry leading, Moderator Osborne Brown, called the Association to order. The roll of churches was called. All answered present, except Amity and Kids Chapel, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—C. C. Devine, L. L. Mullen.

Bethel—W. C. Mullen, R. A. Long, E. D. Grigg.

Brookford—W. C. Laney, G. C. Elders, Miss Katie Stepp, Miss Buna Poovey, Mrs. Fannie Crouch, Mrs. T. C. Adams, Mrs. Ada Miller.

Catawba—H. A. Witherspoon, R. H. Brown, Miss Edna Danner, Mrs. S. C. Wike, Mrs. C. W. Ervin.

Center View—Roy Turbyfill, M. C. Laney, Walter W. Landy.

Corinth—C. T. Huffman, J. A. Wilson, D. L. Propst, George Whitworth.

Denver—B. L. Beal, Bettie Beal.

Faith—B. E. Ballard, J. R. Hilderman.

Gainsville—T. C. Cunningham, R. A. Smith.

Goodsonville—Mrs. J. A. Hallman, Mrs. Edd McGee, B. M. Smith, H. V. Rose, L. W. Hagger.

Hickory First—J. D. Elliott, T. P. Pruitt, J. F. Click, R. C. Campbell, R. M. Perry, Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sledge, C. W. Ellington, Mrs. H. H. Powell, Mrs. B. K. Dellinger, W. P. Wheeler, O. Joe Howard.

Highland—R. A. Self, O. T. Rockett, Mrs. Lee Fry, Mrs. O. T. Rockett, P. O. Fry.

Lawings Chapel—W. H. Caldwell, G. S. Whisnant, H. R. Wilkinson.

Leonards Fork—J. W. Hoover, Mrs. J. W. Hoover, L. N. Heavner, Mrs. L. N. Heavner.

Lincolnton First—E. F. Hardin, Mrs. J. Thos. McLane, Mrs. C. S. Digh, Miss Florence Finch, Mrs. S. D. Honeycutt.

Lincolnton Avenue—E. M. Hallman, W. J. Mauney, Miss Mull.

Macedonia—S. L. Bolinger, Mrs. E. L. Bolinger, Mrs. Minnie Lee.

Maiden—T. C. Singleton, P. H. Cline, J. W. Williams, J. A. Huitt, L. F. Caldwell, Mrs. Gus Williams, Mrs. P. P. Hawn.

Maiden, East—E. D. Whisnant, L. R. Williams, R. B. Cook, V. S. Turbyfill, H. M. Sides.

Mountain Grove—R. P. Huffman, Mrs. G. F. Huffman, Miss Marie Whitener, James F. Whitener.

Mt. Ruhama—W. M. Caldwell, Thomas Cline, Geo. W. Caldwell, Frank Ballard, S. M. Abernethy.

Mountain View—M. O. Gilleland, R. B. Lawing, E. P. Moore.
Mt. Zion—L. H. Helderman, Iva Cloninger.
Newton First—L. B. Beal, A. L. Ervin, Joe Clark, H. B. Collins.
North Newton—Mrs. Cordie Huitt, Miss Lillian Whisnant, Foister Stewart.
Olivet—W. W. Ervin, L. A. White, J. N. Arndt, Mrs. L. A. White, John Eades.
Penelope—M. I. and Mrs. M. I. Harris, M. L. Christopher, Mrs. M. L. Christopher, Mrs. C. C. Kees, Mrs. Nellie Fry.
Piney Grove—P. E. Caldwell, J. P. Abernethy, Pearl Barker.
Providence—W. F. Hoffman, T. S. Abby.
Reepsville—Marvin Sronce, Miss Essie Sronce, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Sronce.
River View—G. W. Punch, J. W. Poovey, Miss Maud Roach, Miss Mary Lou Coffey.
Sharon—S. P. Dellinger, Mrs. J. S. Hollman, Mrs. S. P. Dellinger.
South Salem—John R. Arney, Clarence Helms.
South Side—P. C. Whitesides, Mack Parker.
Warlicks—P. S. Perry, Mrs. E. S. Glass, Mrs. J. D. Knox.
West Hickory—C. O. Beach, W. S. Abernethy, N. M. Cordell, W. G. Abernethy.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The Moderator called Dr. Geo. V. Tilley to the chair. The following officers were elected by acclimation: Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice Moderator, R. C. Campbell; Clerk, J. F. Click, Treasurer, J. Yates Killian.

On taking the chair, the Moderator recognized the following and made them welcome:

Representatives—Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, W. R. Beach, and J. A. McKaughan.

Visitors—S. R. Stroup, H. B. Chronister, and E. J. Caldwell, of Caldwell Association; P. A. Hicks, of Three Forks Association; J. J. Beach, of Gaston Association; and Mr. and Mrs. Eph Whisenhunt, of Surry Association.

New Pastors—W. C. Laney, J. L. Teague, E. F. Hardin, L. R. Williams, C. A. Abernethy, and W. W. Abernethy.

The Moderator appoints R. C. Campbell and L. A. McClure as committee on program. That committee recommended that the cooperative program be taken up in place of the orphanage. It was so ordered.

While the report was being completed on the Recorder, it was discussed by W. R. Beach. At the close, H. B. Jones read the report and the same was adopted, as follows:

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder was first printed by Thomas Meredith ninety-four years ago. Since then it has served as organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers among our young people. It is set for the constructive effort of our people

in obeying the command of the Master to carry the Gospel to all the world. It is published in the interest of our Baptist work and at the expense of the stockholders—for the past six years the paper has been a liability. The Recorder promotes the things that shall win. It seeks to aid in bringing in the certain reign of Christ. The readers of the Recorder are its best asset, and, in North Carolina, the Kingdom's best friends.

The best is none too good for our North Carolina Baptist homes. The future homes depend on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation.

People are largely influenced by what they read. The Biblical Recorder seeks to bring weekly a summary of our Baptist news, local and general, to our people. It seeks to give a Christian and Baptist interpretation to the events of the day. It seeks to give the achievements among our schools, our churches, our Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. and laymen's work so that the reader may be informed as to the best method of doing our work. It presents letters from our missionaries at home and abroad and so informs the reader of what is being accomplished through their contributions.

The Home Circle offers help for the development of the spiritual and intellectual needs in every young church member. It seeks to present high ideals for our young people, real help to the development of character—character which will react for good in the future lives of our people. Never before was there a time when our boys and girls stood more in need of pure literature which will instill high ideals, create a desire for pure living, and stimulate the readers to render unselfish service. The Biblical Recorder seeks to aid at this particular point.

The price is $2.00 per year. The circulation ought to be increased to 25,000 as a minimum.

H. B. JONES.

T. H. Roach read the following:

STATE MISSIONS

While North Carolina Baptist, during the past 98 years of their organization, have made wonderful progress in their efforts to imprint the life and ideals of Christ on the State. They still have before them a vast unfinished task. There are in this State more than a half million unsaved people, for whom Christ died, above the years of accountability. During the past year, there were 634 out of the 2,368 churches in the State that did not report a single baptism. Any church that is not definitely engaged in winning the lost, has doomed itself. One of our most acute problems is that of enlistment. Hundreds of our Baptist churches throughout the State, and the multiplied thousands of our members are not contributing a penny of that which the Lord has entrusted to them to the ongoing of His Kingdom.

The General Board, of which Chas. E. Maddry is the General Secretary, is the organized agency through which North Carolina Baptists are attacking their problems.

The Board is divided into four distinct departments: Missions, Education, Training Activities and Benevolence.

Through the Department of Missions, of which Walter M. Gilmore is Secretary, 134 churches are being aided this year in paying the salaries of 87 pastors. These men baptized into the fellowship of their

churches last year 1,456, and received 1,263 others by letter or otherwise. Out of each dollar given to the co-operative program undesignated, 23 cents of it goes to State Missions. Many times the amount now being expended for State Missions, could be wisely spent and the givers would be greatly blessed thereby.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. ROACH.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Dr. Chas. E. Maddry and adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by J. A. McKaughan.

The dinner was spread on a large table on the lawn, and was large and fine. All enjoyed it.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At the singinig, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the Association reassembled, J. L. Teague conducted the devotional service, and lead in the prayer.

The Moderator called the Association to order. The folowing visitors were recognized and made welcome: Prof. P. H. Elliott, of French Broad; B. H. Laughridge, of Moriah Association, S. C., and A. A. Lockee, of Gaston Association.

The Moderator read the following application for membership:

EAST MAIDEN CHURCH

On November 5th, 1927, according to previous arrangements, a presbytery, composed of T. H. Roach, moderator; T. H. Caldwell, Secretary, and deacons from several other churches, met in a little building on V. S. Turbyfill's lot,, and organized East Maiden Baptist Church, with 21 members. After the members were received, they adopted articles of faith, covenant, and rules of order as given by Pendleton.

After having been declared a duly organized church by the presbytery, they elected officers as folows: L. R. Williams was called pastor, E. H. Wiliams was elected Church Clerk, and V. S. Turbyfill, Treasurer. The following brethren were elected deacons: E. H. Williams and O. D. Fox. Since that time, four deacons have joined us from other churches, and we now have six deacons.

We have had 93 additions since our organization, making a membership to date of 114. The prospect of a large and interesting church in East Maiden is exceedingly bright.

Our Sunday school is growing fast. We have enrolled 206, with an average attendance of 160 for last year.

This church through her representatives present, do now respectfully and humble ask to be admitted as a member of South Fork Association.

Signed,
L. R. WILLIAMS,
E. S. WHISNANT,
E. H. WILLIAMS, Committee.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to examine the articles of faith of the East Maiden Church—E. F. Sullivan, E. F. Hardin, C. M. Robinson.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to nominate two members to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee—R. G. Short, Roy Williams and B. M. Smith.

The Moderator appointed W. W. Ervin to write the report on Obituaries:

E. F. Sullivan read the following report:

Since the East Maiden church is established and has asked for admission into our Association, we being asked to pass only on its orthordoxy, beg leave to make a favorable report:

E. F. SULLIVAN,
E. F. HARDIN,
C. M. ROBINSON, Committee.

The report was received and the delegates came forward and were given the right of fellowship.

By motion, the report on Christian Education took the place of Sunday Schools.

R. C. Campbell read the following report:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Baptists are pioneers in education. From the earliest days of their history in America, Baptist leaders have been committed to the principle of education. Baptists early saw that if they were to become a great people, they would be compelled to train leaders who, in turn, would lead and train the masses of the people, and who by virtue of their training, would be able to work together and hold together in a Christian solidarity that would on the one hand avoid all overlordship among heathern, and on the other hand, develop strength for the propogation of the truth in a cooperative way throughout the world.

From this principle, Baptists have never swerved, and upon this principle their educational institutions stand today, believing that in so doing, they are best fulfilling their mission of establishing the reign of Christ in the hearts of men. We should never lose sight of the high ideals of our fathers for our schools. Undoubtedly Christian schools should be kept Christian, and as we understand it, that implies that Baptist schools should be kept Baptist.

We are interested in all our Southwide institutions. This includes all our Seminaries, Graded Schools and the Bible Institute.

Our State institutions are, Wake Forest, Meredith and Chowan Colleges, Hars Hill, Campbell, Wingate, and Boiling Springs Junior Colleges. These institutions are growing and have been reinspirited because of The Centennial Campaign recently put on in our State. This campaign is a fitting close for the first one hundred years of organized Baptist work in the State. This campaign, its completion, the collection of the pledges made, is the paramount issue and talk before us for the next two years. Our Secretary, Dr. Maddry, and his helpers have given themselves in a most sacrificial, devoted way to this campaign. It has not closed. It will be much before us for the next twenty-four months.

We pastors, deacons, Suunday School superintendents, all of us are called to a successful completion of this campaign.

Our schools are ably and satisfactorily manned. Students are filling the class rooms, hope and prospects for the future are bright.

Our school men are good men, wise men, earnest men, who have the Christian nurtur of the rising generation at heart and who are coping with the educational problems well and wisely.

Our reccommendation is that we pledge ourselves to the hearty prosecution and successful completion of our great Centennial Campaign and that we keep our great hosts of Baptist young people informed about our schools and get their eyes focused upon them, so that when they are ready for college they will know where to go—our own Baptist institutions.

R. C. CAMPBELL.

The report was discussed by P. H. Elliott and adopted.

J. Yates Killian read the following:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This committee has held its meetings as often as necessary throughout the year. The attendance has always been good and the Moderator of this association, Brother Osborne Brown, has been faithful in his attendance, always cooperating most heartily in matters pertaining to our work.

In October 1927, we appointed a Program Committee for the quarterly union meetings, and at the same time we heard encouraging reports from the officers of the Sunday School Convention, the B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. of the Association.

In November we considered all applications from churches desiring financial aid, looked into all phases of their work, and requested of the General Board such amounts as in our judgment these churches were entitled to.

We cannot here state the amounts received by the churches which asked for aid, but the money was sent to the churches direct, and this information may be obtained by the association through the Messengers now attending from the churches which received aid.

The Sunday School convention held its first regular meeting at Lawing's Chapel in the early fall, 1927, and its first annual meeting with First Baptist Church, Maiden, N. C., in March, 1928. The W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U. have held their district and associational meetings as usual. All these organizations deserve the cooperation of every Baptist in this Association.

The quarterly union meetings have been held with the following churches: First Church, Maiden, and the Churches at Goodsonville, Mountain Grove, and Reepsville. At these meetings the most vital subjects pertaining to our Southwide work are ably discussed and in this way we keep alive the great objects for which our Association stands.

On March 4, 1928, our Beloved Brother, S. T. Gaddy, was called to his reward. Brother Gaddy was the faithful Treasurer of this Association and trustee of the Scholarship fund, and it being necessary that these positions should be filled at once, this committee unanmiously elected one of its own members, Brother J. Y. Killian, to succeed Brother Gaddy, as treasurer of the Association and Trustee of all associational

funds. The committee requested W. B. Gaither, Administrator of S. T. Gaddy's estate, to turn over to Brother Killian all notes, monies and papers held by Mr. Gaddy belongning to the South Fork Association. Same request was made of Shuford National Bank to turn over all funds on deposit there by S. T. Gaddy belonging to the Association. Brother Killian reported notes outstanding $2,633.30, with uncollected interest long past due. He was requested to collect all outstanding past due notes, all interest to date, and to pay the Scholarship for Miss Maude Harris at Mars Hill, 1927-28. Subsequent reports by the trustees showed good progress and it was the sense of the committee that as fast as these funds are collected they should be reinvested in good securties, preferably that they should be loaned to the County Board of Commissioners of Catawba County with interest at 6 per cent payable semi-annually.

Brother Killian's report will speak for itself as to the business-like manner in which he has handled the associational funds, and the other members of this committee are unanimous in the hope that the Association will elect him to succeed himself as Treasurer and Trustee.

At the request of Brother M. I. Harris, the committee granted his daughter, Miss Maude Harris, the annual scholarship of the association to be used at Meredith College for the year 1928-29.

It will be recalled that this Association elected Brother K. L. Lineberger to succeed himself as Field Worker for the Association at a salary of $1,500.00 a year, and expenses not exceeding $300.00, with the understanding that the Sunday School Board S. B. C would pay half the salary and half the expenses. The matter of raising the associations part being left to the executive committee. But in the early part of March, we were informed by Brother Perry Morgan, State Sunday School Secretary, that there were not and would not be any funds provided by the Sunday School Board for their part of our Field Workers salary. With these conditions confronting us, the committee felt that the only thing to do was to ask our Field Worker to discontinue his services April 1, 1928, since the Association had only obligated to pay half the salary and expense. Later, however, through the efforts of this committee and the State Sunday School Secretary, the Sunday School Board paid half the Field Worker's salary to April 1st, and this committee did what we could to collect the other half from our churches. Some churches responded liberally, some not so well, others gave nothing at all. Our Treasurer's report will show a small balance still due, and since this matter must be cleared up we earnestly request the association at its present session to make an offering for the specific purpose of paying this debt. The Executive Committee fully endorses Brother Lineberger's work, we commend him for his faithfulness, and rejoice at the visible and far reaching results of his successful leadership as a Field Worker in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. HATFIELD, Chairman.

In connection with this J. Yates Killian read the following:

TRUSTEES REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FUNDS COLLECTED:

Maiden Graded Schools—Principal	$ 600.00
Interest on Same to May 1st, 1928	144.00
Fidelity Hosiery Mills—Principal	891.74

Interest on Same to May 1st, 1928	82.50
Claremont Hosiery Mills—Principal	1,141.56
Interest on Same to June 1st, 1928	139.00
	$2,998.80
Balance in Bank transferred to this fund	.69
	$2,999.49

FUNDS INVESTED:

Town of Maiden—Note dated May 1, 1928	$1,200.00
Claremont Hosiery Mills—Note dated June 1st, 1928	1,000.00
Certificate—Shuford National Bank	649.49
	$2,849.49

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Scholarship of Miss Mary Harris at Mars Hill	150.00
Present Amount of Funds plus interest from date of notes	$2,849.49

REPORT RELATIVE TO HOME WORKER:

Balance in Treasury left by Bro. S. T. Gaddy	$ 74.94
Received from Olivet Church	25.00
Received from First Church, Hickory	37.50
Received from First Church, Lincolnton	15.00
Received from Goodsonville	6.25
Received from Highland	25.00
Borrowed at Shuford National Bank	50.00
	$233.69

DIRBURSEMENTS:

Paid to Bro. J. F. Click—Balance due on Minutes	$ 8.00
July 7, 1928—Paid Walters Durham	150.00
July 18, 1928—Paid Walters Durham	75.00
	$233.00
Balance in Treasury but Transferred to Scholarship Fund	.69

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN.

The two reports were adopted, and J. Yates Killian was authorized to loan the scholarship fund on hand. By motion a collection was taken and $50.00 was raised to pay a note in Bank, given to pay balance due K. L. Lineberger as Field Secretary.

The two minutes talk from the churches were good, and very interesting.

The Moderator appointed G. V. Tilley, W. C. Laney and J. L. Teague as a Committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

T. H. Roach suggested the following additions be added to the By-Laws:

"7. That the report on obituaries shall contain the names of the deceased members, and what office they held, if any.

"8. That the length of any report for the various objects shall not exceed 500 words."

The recommendations were discussed and adopted.

The Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION

At the song, "I Am Thine Oh Lord," the Association reassembled at 7:30 o'clock.

W. B. McClure read seven verses of the 14th chapter of John, and made a timely talk. Prayer, H. B. Chronister leading.

After the song, all standing, "Revive Us Again," Roy Williams led the prayer.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

J. E. Hill, of Catawba River, and P. K. Drum, of South Yadkin were recognized and made welcome.

Ralph A. Self submitted the following:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

About thirty-five or forty years ago our leaders in the various denominations realized that something should be done with reference to training our young Christians, so that they might better equip themselves to do the Master's work and to strengthen them in the Christian life.

In 1896 the leaders in the Baptist churches in the south realized that something must be done for the young Christians in our own churches or else our efforts and our time would not amount to what it should. At this time anorganization called The Baptist Young Peoples' Union was begun and which has made rapid progress since.

At the present time we have in our churches in The Southern Baptist Convention over 21,000 B. Y. P. U.'s. This alone shows that it is worth while because so many of our churches are cooperating in this work and feel that we need more and better trained workers in our work.

I think that there is no better organization anywhere than the B. Y. P. U. May I give some of the reasons in a brief way.

1st—The B. Y. P. U. sets up a working organization that gives every one something to do, the officers, and the committees and groups.

2nd.—It has three different kinds of meetings, weekly where we study together our topic for this particular time or meeting, then our business meeting at which time all the officers and committees render a written report of the work done in the past, then our social meeting at which time we meet together and learn to know each other better.

3rd.—Our educational part which first emphasizes the importance of reading the Bible daily, which is outlined in our B. Y. P. U. quarterlies giving us a connecting thought in each days reading. Then our study course which gives us a chance to find out how to carry on other phases of the work which is really important to every Baptist. Then systematic giving is stressed in our B. Y. P. U.'s, also it helps our people to see how they ought to give their money and where to give it and how

much they ought to give.

At the present time we have in our Association fifteen of our churches which have forty-seven unions in them, some of the other churches are planning to have one or more unions organized in their church before very long. May we as workers in our local churches try and get a union started in our church, because in this we find better trained teachers and officers for our Sunday School and better deacons and workers in general, not only this but our young Christians to find themselves, what the master would have them do.

May I give below a list of the Associational B. Y. P. U. officers who are ready and at the service of every church in the Association to help organize or to help in any other way possible:

President—Ralph A. Self, Hickory, N. C.
Vice President—Hickory District—G. Glynn Bolch, Hickory, N. C.
Vice President—Newton District—Miss Edna Danner, Catawba, N. C.
Vice President—Maiden District—Mrs. J. J. Henry, Lincolnton, R-4.
Vice President—Lincolnton District—Miss Ruth Eurey, Lincolnton.
Junior and Intermediate Leader—Miss Ellen Teague, Hickory, N. C.
Recording Secretary—Miss Margaret Honeycutt, Lincolnton, N. C.
Pianist—Miss Rebecca Lawrence, Hickory, N. C.
Choister—Mr. Harry Shelton, Lincolnton, N. C.

In conclusion, may I as president, ask that we as officers of the Associational B. Y. P. U. have the cooperation of every pastor, deacon and every other Christian, also your prayers, because without such our efforts will be a failure.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH A. SELF.

The report was discussed by Ralph A. Self and R. C. Campbell, and adopted.

By motoin, L. A. McClure read the following:

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

Our orphanage at Thomasville was founded in the year 1885. On the eleventh day of November of the same year the first child was received, the last one received February first, 1928, runs the number up to 2,639. Present in twenty families 616. Of these 116 are in the Kennedy home which was founded in 1914 and is under the same general management. We are now aiding in their own home 300 children with seventy mothers. This makes 916 children in the care of North Carolina Baptist. During our forty-second year of history we have helped 3,266 children. Children are received between the ages of two and twelve and dismissed according to preparation. We receive from fifty to one hundred applications per month. Most of these are turned away for lack of room.

We are not quite as bad in debt as we were at this time last year, but we are bad behind and we urge that we make a mighty effort by our Thanksgiving offering to pay off this indebtedness and prepare for winter months. If every one of the more than 2,200 Sunday schools in North Carolina would contribute to the once a month collection we would not come up to the end of the year in debt. Since it has been the will of God to call away the parents of so many children and leave them on the mercy of us that profess to love the Lord let us do our best to provide for them, remembering that the Bible says pure religion and undefiled

before God is this to visit the fartherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. McCLURE.

The report was discussed by J. A. McKaughan, and W. B. McClure and adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned. Song, "Plant My Feet on Higher Ground." Prayer by S. A. Stroup.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9 o'clock. S. A. Stroup conducted the devotional services.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Roy Williams.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

Your committee, to nominate two delegates to the State Convention, nominate L. A. McClure and C. M. Robinson.

G. V. TILLEY,
W. C. LANEY,
R. L. TEAGUE.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

On Place and Preacher for next session—T. H. Roach, R. C. Campbell, N. P. Whitesides.

To nominate delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—M. I. Harris, Ranze Campbell and B. M. Smith.

The Committee appointed to nominate two members of the Executive Committee, nominated R. A. Self and W. W. Ervin for three years. They were elected for three years.

The Committee to nominate a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, nominated E. F. Hardin. On motion, he was elected.

The Committee on Place and Preacher for next session, reported: Place of meeting—Mt. Zion; to preach the annual sermon—E. F. Hardin.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to audit the Treasurer's books—W. W. Ervin and John Hoover.

E. F. Sullivan submitted the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School work is fundamental in our churches today. The Sunday School majors in Bible study, and, with the right kind of teachers, will lead its pupils to intelligent faith in God and to zealous service in his Kingdom.

The present day Sunday School sets itself to the accomplishment of a threefold objective or task.

1. Reaching the masses. It takes in pupils of all ages from the cradle to the grave. It takes both the Christian and the non-Christian. Marvelous progress has been made in reaching the people. In ten years Southern Baptists have added more than a million to their Sunday Schools, which has been at the rate of one new pupil every five minutes for the entire ten (years. Last year, North Carolina Baptist Sunday Schools made a gain of 10,456 pupils. All of this is encouraging, but still there are millions in the South, hundreds of thousands in our State, and thousands in our own Association who need to be enlisted in Sunday School, and many of them have never accepted Christ.

2. Teaching the people. We are endeavoring to make the Sunday School a real school. No longer content to move along in the old way, using antiquated methods in organizing and teaching. The present day Sunday School demands the trained teacher, a definite equipment for both teacher and pupil, and all other things which go to make up a real school. Good teaching is essential in reaching the objective of making the Sunday School a real school.

3. Winning the lost. Evangelistic teaching should hold first place in our Sunday Schools. We baptized in the South in the last five years 1,030,693, and in North Carolina in the last three years we have baptized 18,449. Most of these came through the Sunday Schools. But when will we wake up to our great opportunity and obligation here? There is no greater task in our land to which we may harness our thousands of lay workers than to the task of winning the lost through our Sunday Schools. Every community has hosts of unconverted waiting to be led to Christ by the efforts and prayers of consecrated Sunday School officers and teachers. The task is challenging.

We urge our churches to face forward in a determined effort to reach the above objectives, in reaching the people, teaching the word, winning the lost and utilizing them in winning others to the service of the King of Kings.

Brother P. A. Underwood, the superintendent of the South Fork Sunday School Association, rendered valuable service in getting the Association organized into districts with a group superintendent in each district. To Brother Underwood and Brother K. L. Lineberger is due the credit for the most profitable Sunday School Convention which was held in Maiden last spring. After Brother Underwood left the Association, the executive committee of the Sunday School Association put the writer of this report in charge of the work. He has to confess that due to press of other duties as pastor he has let the work lag badly. But he has on foot some plans for reviving the work at once. He hopes for this work to vitally touch every church in the Association in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

The report was discussed by E. F. Sullivan and adopted.

C. M. Robinson submitted the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention made its eighty-third annual report to the Convention in Chattanooga last May. Notwithstanding serious falling off in receipts for several years

past and necessary retrenchment in the work of the Board, the year's work was most encouraging. The faithful sowing of former years brought a glorious harvest of souls won to Christ. The field of the Home Mission Board includes all the territory in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention with Western Cuba and the Canal Zone.

The Board's work is done through the Department of Cooperative Missions, Independent and Direct Missions, Evangelist, Mountain Mission Schools, Cuba and Panama, Church Extension and the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, El Paso, Texas. The Executive Committee has general supervision of all the work and specially in charge of Cooperative Missions.

Cooperative Missions is that work done jointly by the Home Mission Board and various State Mission Boards. It has been the one great, unifying feature of our mission work and has meant much to the unity of Southern Baptists.

In the Department of Independent and Direct Missions, which is under the sole direction and support of the Home Mission Board, work is done among the Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Deaf-Mutes, Soldiers and Seamen, with Rev. J. W. Beagle, Superintendent. The work has been wonderfully blessed during the past year. The same can be said of our Mountain Mission Schools under the direction of Rev. J. W. O'Hara, Superintendent, and of the work in Cuba with Rev. M. N. McCall, Superintendent, which has been greatly blessed and is growing steadily stronger. The Department of Evangelism as a soul-winning agency has a record unsurpassed. Through the Church Extension Department, Rev. A. J. Barton, Superintendent, the Home Mission Board makes loans to churches towards the erection of houses of worship at reasonable rate of interest and time. On request, the Board will send free literature, such as tracts and leaflets, on different phases of the work.

Record of Ten Years: From the annual reports of the Board it is learned that in the last ten years 89,300 converts were baptiszed and 111,015 added to the churches through the labors of our evangelists. We have had during that time 4,165 converts in our mountain schools, 4,146 graduates, and influences have been set in motion which will not cease until our Lord comes.

Ten years ago our Cuban convention had 57 delegates and their total offerings were $4,065.21, with membership 1,919; in 1927 there were 108 delegates at the Convention and their offerings for the year were $21,-223.00, and the membership increased to 2,737. The native churches in Cuba during the ten years contributed something over $125,000. The spirit of Evangelism is reported strong.

A summary of the Board's work for ten years shows the following results: Baptisms 344,966; additions to churches, 556,957; prayer meetings conducted 175,088; churches constiuted, 1,905; Sunday Schools organized, 6,128; houses built, 4,184.

The Home Mission task was never greater and our opportunities never so inviting. The calls are many, and the future, if we are loyal to the Master, has great things in store for Southern Baptists through our great Home Mission agency. The challenge is tremendous but our forces and resources are well-nigh immeasurable and under the blessing of God must be brought under contribution to the salvation of the lost and the enlistment and development of the saved. May God lead us in

this great task of making America Christian and through America saving the world for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. ROBINSON.

The report was discussed by C. M. Robinson and J. A. McKaughan, and adopted.

G. V. Tilley read the following:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A passion for the redemption of a lost-world should characterize every Christian. Redemption and world, these words should receive great emphasis. God loves the world. Jesus commanded the disciples to tell the world about this love, beginning at Jerusalem and continuing "unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Jesus gives us a world program and every port deserves equal emphasis. As we advance from the center, the circle increases in circumference, and the task becomes greater. The further away the less the interest we take—hence the difficulty. It requires a world-wide vision to bring everything under the same focus. We need grace to march up higher in our lives so that we may see all the world alike. We are in the valley of self interest.

We are endeavoring to carry the good news to people in Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, and our own North America. We are meeting with hindrances and also encouraging results. Many of our missionaries are at home on furlough, some with little hopes of returning have resigned. Thus our forces have been greatly reduced. The total number of missionaries are about 490.

The Southern Baptist Convention receipts last year for this cause was $1,455,000, and of this amount North Carolina contributed $126,-652.88.

We have 1,275 churches abroad, and 675 are self-supporting. There are 2,861 out-stations. These churches have 146,072 members. There were 12,542 baptisms last year, 457 increase over the previous year. We are passing through a critical period, and the work is not normal. The world has not been able to regain its equilibrium from the shock of the World War. China, one of our greatest fields, has been torn by civil strife, and has suffered much.

The Board is carrying a great debt, about one million dollars; resulting from a decrease of income, and a result of this has been a decrease in the number of missionaries.

We have much to encourage us. There is a silver lining to the cloud. The debt is being reduced. In this, the Board is setting a worthy example for all our boards. Ten per cent of the regular receipts plus the special funds designated for the debt are used for this purpose. No new missionaries are being sent out, nor those at home returned, except in special cases of necessity for strategic places.

God has evidently blessed our endeavors. The management has met His approval and surely is worthy of our confidence.

Let us remember that the work is ordered of God, and that we should not only be loyal, but sympathetic in our attitude. We are Missionary Baptists, and surely Missionary endeavors of the highest order will follow.

Respectfully submitted,
G. V. TILLEY.

The report was discussed by G. V. Tilley and adopted.

The following was read by L. W. Hager:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES.

The work of ministerial relief is carried on through the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention with headquarters at Dallas, Texas. The Board has just closed its first decade of service. During these ten years more than $1,000,000 has been distributed to several thousand beneficiaries through the Relief Department. Many of the relief beneficiaries have been called to their heavenly home, but at the present time theer are more than 1,000 ministers and widows on the roll.

The total sum paid to the Board's beneficiaries last year was $118,520, an amount entirely too small to afford Southern Baptists an occasion for self-congratulation. Surely there will be no further reduction in the receipts through the Co-operative Program this year. The applications for aid from the relief department have multiplied even while the receipts have steadily declined.

The only supplementary money that the Board has to draw upon in addiiton to the gifts of the churches is the interest on the invested Relief Fund, which totalled only $28,758 last year. This is the interest earned on $543,000 of endowment and reserves. Southern Baptists are now seeking to increase the Relief fund to $1,000,000 plus through the William Lunsford Memorial Fund, one-half of which is for relief work. An increase in the receipts from the regular collections in the churches would also greatly aid in caring for our Veterans. At present four and one-half cents from each dollar contributed to the Co-Operative Prgoram is used for this purpose.

The Annuity Department: The Annuity Department is sustained in three ways. First, by the regular payment of ministers and missionaries who hold certificates of membership. Second, by the interest earnings on the annuity endowment and reserves; and thirdly, by a portion of the funds contributed through the Co-operative Program. This fund is paying the maximum annuity of $500 to members who have passed their 68th birthday or who have become totally and permanently disabled. The fund has not been greatly drawn upon as yet. The benefits paid during the past year totalled $31,274. In a few years the Board will be called upon to pay very large sums to its annuity members. The present assets of the Board in this department total $2,202,647. Ministers not over 58 years of age and in good health are eligible to participate. Every minister who is eligible to become a member should avail himself of this inexpensive protection.

Respectfully submitted,
O. JOE HOWARD.

The report was discussed by L. W. Hager, R. C. Campbell, and others, and adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner (another good one). Prayer by E. F. Hardin.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met according to adjournment. L. W. Hager read the first Psalm. Prayer by R. C. Campbell.

The Moderator recognized W. W. Abernethy and a Mr. Sebren, who, by request, sang a beautiful song.

Mrs. K. L. Lineberger read the following report by her husband:

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

Our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem is somewhat more than five years old. In this brief time it has come to the forefront among our denominational hospitals, and today is one of the leading institutions of its kind in the South.

The hospital has proved its worth in its ministry to the poor and needy sick, and they are going from every quarter of the state. And this is just what the hospital should do. No deserving one has been turned away from the Baptist Hospital whether they had money or not. About five hundred patients are given free treatment each year.

The death rate last year was 14½ to the thousand; this is lower than of any other hospital reporting to the Duke Endowment. We believe it is an example of God answering the prayers of physicians, nurses, and friends and relatives. The hospital offers its ministry in the spirit of love and prayer. Surely this is a powerful appeal to our Baptists who can pay. Let us urge our people to go to our hospital when they must go, thus giving it a better chance to increase its revenue that it may be able to care for those who come to it without money and without price.

It costs to treat a patient at a hospital whether the patient is able to pay or not. The money must come from somewhere. The offering on Monther's Day is our opportunity to have a part in this great ministry to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. With the aid of the Mother's Day offering the hospital has thus far been able to keep out of debt. But the hospital had to take $7,000 last year from its running expenses to use for charity work from the churches of the state. This year that cannot be done.

The Nurses' Home has been completed. With a debt of $14,000.00 at the beginning of the year the Duke Endowment promised $5,000.00 on condition that the debt be paid this year. Hence, it is seen, the hospital cannot pay for any charity work until that debt has been paid. Shall the hospital say "No" to the poor and needy sick? Our material response is the answer.

The management of the hospital suggests the following which we recommend:

1st.—That we urge all our people to carry their patients there when possible and give the hospital the advantage of this increased revenue.

2nd.—That churches sending charity patients will either themselves pay the sum of $1.50 a day, or get the family and community to join them in raising this much that the hospital may be helped to tide over this emergency.

3rd.—Pray for the hospital, talk about it in your church and Sunday School, and in every way encourage our people to support the great

institution dedicated to the business of relieving suffering and saving lives.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. LINEBERGER.

The report was discussed by Mrs. J. T. McLane. By request of R. C. Campbell, the report was reread and adopted.

W. W. Ervin read the following:

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, your Auditing Committee, have audited the books of the Treasurer and Trustee of the Scholarship Fund and find the books correct.

Respectively submitted,
J. W. HOOVER,
W. W. ERVIN, Committee.

The report was adopted.

M. I. Harris read the following:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention is now forty years old.

It had its beginning in the city of Richmond, Va., with 32 members. Small was the beginning, but it has grown to large proportions, not only in the number of societies, and membership, but also in contributions. The blessings of God have been upon the W. M. U. work from the very beginning because it was organized for the purpose of stimulating the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and children of the churches, and to aid in collecting funds for missionary purposes.

The year 1928 is the 40th anniversary of the W. M. U. work and is to be known as the Ruby Anniversary.

The aim this year is a 4% increase in the number of organizations, and a 40% increase in the membership of the societies already organized. It is said that a perfect ruby cost $1,000.00, so the fianncial aim has been set at $400,000.00 the price of $4,000 rubies.

Your committee is happy to report an increase of four W. M. S.'s over last year. There are now 19 W. M. S.'s, seven Y. W. A.s, five R. A.'s and nine Sunbeam Bands.

The W. M. U. work of the South Fork Association is quietly, faithfully, intelligently moving along its chosen and well defined path of service.

Respectfully submitted,
M. I. HARRIS.

The report was discussed by Mrs. O. Joe Howard, R. G. Short, and C. M. Robinson, and the report was adopted by a rising vote in honor of the ladies.

W. W. Abernethy read the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Having been called upon at the eleventh hour, it is impossible for me to give a well thought out report on temperance. But with the great

question of intemperance, and its evil consequences still with us, I proceed to the task that is set before me.

As we witness from time to time that strong drink is ruining many individual lives, poisoning society, invading our schools and churches, and bringing ruin and desolation to many homes of our land, our hearts are made to bleed.

We are not to stop and ask, "What shall we do?" We know what to do. But are we willing to face sin and fight as true soldiers of the cross? We preachers, deacons, and church leaders are afraid to fight sin. We must fight if we rid our homes, churches, schools, towns, state, nation and the world of this course of intemperance. In working for temperance we have to appeal to God's people. The devil and his forces are not going to fight their own proposition. How can we put down so great a foe, a monster who swallows thousands of men and crushes nations in his grasp? Are we to go in our own strength? NO. We cannot accomplish anything alone. But we can as Paul said, "Do all things through Christ who strengthens us." Yes by whole hearted and deep consecration of our lives to Christ we can do the thing. The reason the task is hard too many of us have dull swords by indifferent and intemperant lives.

Are you opposed to whiskey? Would you banish this curse from our land? To drive this intemperance away some other intemperances, whiskey's companions, must go too. Will you be so inconsistent as to shout "away with rum" when you are harboring in your home something that is just as intemperant? God is not mocked. He knows my work and yours. We have to deal fair with the subject. Consistent Christian lives put in the hands of the risen Lord is what it is going to take to eliminate the curse from this fair land.

Millions of dollars are spent each year in the United States for whiskey. This vast sum of money is kept from its natural, legitimate business of production. Money which should drive the wheels of industry and transport bread to the poor man's family is being used to wreck the homes of the land and damn souls to perdition. Money which should have educated your parents, you, and your children. Government or no government, tax or no tax, roads or no roads, schools or no schools, if rum steals your clothes, your food, your brain, mind, character, bdy, happiness, home, wife, child, your soul and god, does it pay to handle it? Through this powerful instrumentality the life blood of our nation was being sapped until she staggered in her weakness. But a brighter day dawned. The 18th amendment was passed, and this great curse of intemperance was made unlawful. So it is fo rus to see that our officers enforce the law or get out.

This is not meddling in party politics. Our country's welfare should take precedence over party loyalty. As citizens and voters of our great country we have the same right to express our views, desires and wishes as those who are seeking office. And in view of the moral crisis facing our nation today which has been brought on by the presidential nominee of one of our major political parties, I hereby recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, First—That we face the moral issue like Christian soldiers and actively oppose the election to the highest office of the nation of a "wet" candidate.

Second—That we go on record as declaring anew our complete

allegiance to Christ who bought us, that we pledge ourselves to exalt principles above any political party.

Third—That we recognize the danger confornting our homes, our civilization and nation, in the possibility of an enemy of Prohibition being elected to the Presidency of the United States, and that we call on our Baptist people everywhere to use their influence both by speech and ballot to prevent the election of such a candidate.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. ABERNETHY.

The report was discussed by W. W. Abernethy, G. V. Tilley, M. I. Harris and E. F. Hardin, and adopted.

E. F. Sullivan submitted the following recommendation:

In cooperation with the other Associations in the State we recommend that this Association accept as its part of the State's goal, $10,500.00 which is based on the regular ratio of increase in the State's goal, around 40 per cent in advance of what we gave last year. We recommend that this amount be divided among the churches of the Association upo nas equitable and fair basis as possible by the Executive Committee of the Association; that each church earnestly endeavor to raise its objective by making a thorough every member canvass December 2-9, the South-wide date suggested, or at such other time as each church may elect, or to raise it by some other method adopted by the church.

We would recommend further that the most thorough preparation be made several weeks in advance of the every member canvass through prayer, preaching and instruction of all the people about the objects included in the program.

The recommendation was adopted.

W. W. Ervin submitted the following:

OBITUARIES

Since the last meeting of our Association, death has entered our homes and claimed 38 of our members, as follows:

Mount Ruhama—Margaret Drum, Mrs. Pamphilia Hewitt, Mrs. Dora H. Caldwell, Mrs. Rebecca D. Crouse, Mrs. Naomi Caldwell, W. T. Park.

Newton First—J. J. Clark, William Asbury, and S. T. Gaddy, who was Treasurer of this Association, and Trustee of the Scholarship Fund.

Center View—Mrs. Rhoda Turbyfill.

Macedonia—Mason A. Erving, Miss Jennie Ballard.

Gainsville—W. W. Elmore.

Providence—Cephas Young, Amanda Baker.

Penelope—Mrs. Sarah Dennie, Mrs. E. J. Land.

Reepsville—George W. Helms.

Lincolnton First—J. O. Allen, Jr., M. C. Padgett.

Olivet—Mrs. Margaret Gilleland.

Catawba—John F. Danner, J. H. Trollinger.

North Newton—John Whisnant.

Warlicks—Isabel Ogle, Elizabeth Berry.

Goodsonville—J. W. Keener.

Maiden—Mrs. Joohn Blankenship, Mrs. Joe McClure, Mrs. Julia Goodson.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Barbara Ann Bradshaw.

Lawings Chapel—Mrs. W. H. Caldwell.

Hickory First—W. A. White, Mrs. J. Worth Elliott, H. J. Carter, Miss Frank Martin, Mrs. Emma Taylor, J. A. Rogers.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. ERVIN.

E. F. Sullivan read the following resolution of

LOVE AND SMYPATHY

Owing to the fact that Brother L. L. Hatfield has been confined some time with a broken limb, I move that the Association extend to him through his pastor, Bro. R. C. Campbell, our love and sympathy.

E. F. SULLIVAN.

The motion was adopted.

A motion was made and carried that Brother L. V. Padgett be re-elected as Key Manager for the Orphanage.

The Moderator appoints the following to write and discuss reports for next session:

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS

Foreign Missions—Geo. V. Tilley.
State Missions—T. H. Roach.
Orphanage—L. V. Padgett.
Christian Education—R. C. Campbell.
Sunday Schools—President of the S. S. Convention.
Hospital—Mrs. J. T. McLean.
Ministerial Relief—B. M. Smith.
Woman's Work—J. L. Teague.
Temperance—Roy Williams.
Biblical Recorder—W. C. Laney.
B. Y. P. U.—President of B. Y. P. U.
Obituaries—L. W. Hager.

The following was read and adopted by a rising vote.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

I mean

First—That this body vote a vote of thanks to the Brother Pastor, L. A. McClure, and his most thoughtful and courteous members for their kindness and hospitality rendered to the members and visitors of this Association while in its fiftieth session. We assure them that we sincerely and deeply appreciate every effort of theirs to make it pleasant and comfortable to us all.

Second—That we vote a vote of thanks to the officers and committees

for their faithful and efficient service they have renedred during the past year, and present session. May God's blessing rest upon both is our prayers. T. H. CALDWELL.

By motion, the Clerk be allowed $35 for his services.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Zion church on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1929, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator.
J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist Convention in all departments.

3 It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members, two from each section of the Association to serve one year, one from each section for two years, one from each section for three years. The Modrator shall appoint on the first day of each session a committee of three to nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at 10 a. m. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Association.

8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee at each session of the Association of two members to prepare a program for the succeeding session, and that the same be incorporated in the minutes; and that the pastor of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be included in the program committee, making the committee consist of three.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be: Meet at 9:00 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Kelfoots Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

7. That the report on obituaries shall contain the names of the deceased members, and what office they held, if any.

8. That the length of any report for the various objects shall not exceed 500 words.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	SUNDAY OF PREACHING	GAIN BY				LOST BY				TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	HAVE WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING	REVIVALS Last Year	TAKE RECORDER
		BAPTISM	LETTER	STATEMENT	RESTORATION	LETTER	EXPULSION	ERATION	DEATH				
Antioch	2nd and 4th Sunday						2			33	No		1
Bethel	First Sunday		3							91			
Brookford	Every Sunday	11	8		3	21		128		98	Yes	3	2
Catawba	1st and 3rd Sunday	15		1		1			2	153	No	1	6
Center View	1st and 3rd Sunday	5	1			10			1	120	Yes	1	
Corinth	Fourth Sunday	8				5				137		1	
Denver	2nd and 4th Sunday									22	No		5
Gainsville	2nd and 4th Sunday	18	2			3			2	214			
Goodsonville	Every Sunday	7	68			5			1	141	Yes	2	4
Hickory First	Every Sunday	35	32	1		31		115	6	703	Yes	1	75
Highland	Every Sunday	25	28	5	3		33	6		364	Yes	2	17
Lawings Chapel	Second Sunday	8	4			18	2		1	144	Yes	1	
Leonard's Fork	2nd and 4th Sunday	2	3							83	No	1	1
Lincolnton First	Every Sunday	7	24			24	1		2	309	Yes		37
Lincolnton Ave	Every Sunday		8	2		19				214	Yes	1	7
Maiden	Every Sunday	20	10			56		1	3	348	Yes	2	6
Macedonia	1st and 3rd Sunday					8			2	200	Yes	1	1
Maiden East	1st and 3rd Sunday	25	77							114	Yes	1	6
Mtn. Grove	2nd and 4th Sunday					1				109	No	1	3
Mt. Ruhama	1st and 3rd Sunday	17	8	1		1		3	6	254	Yes	1	2
Mtn. View	Fourth Sunday	6	3			6			3	129	Yes	1	
Mt. Zion	Second Sunday									139	No	1	3
Newton	Every Sunday	22	37			16			3	248	Yes	1	
North Newton	2nd and 4th Sunday	5		2		7		18	1	57	Yes	1	2
Olivet	2nd and 4th Sunday	10	2	2	1	5			1	172	No	1	10
Penelope	Every Sunday	10	17			23	2		2	242	Yes	1	
Piney Grove	First Sunday	3				1				49	No	1	1
Providence	2nd and 4th Sunday	3	5	1		9	52		2	84	No	1	
Reepsville	1st and 3rd Sunday	10	6	1		1	1	10	1	97	Yes	1	2
River View	1st and 3rd Sunday	9	3			17	5			135	Yes	1	8
Salem	2nd and 4th Sunday	2	3	1		5				66	No	1	
Sharon	Fourth Sunday					3				69	No	1	2
South Side	2nd and 4th Sunday	25	11							36	Yes	1	
Warlick's	First Sunday	18			3	4			2	85	No	1	
West Hickory	Every Sunday	16	22	1	2	12	1	73		224	Yes	2	6
TOTALS		342	387	18	12	314	97	354	41	5683		36	207

(NOTE—The Church Membership Loss Last Year, is 150).

CHURCHES	When Organized	PASTORS	Value of Church Property	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE
Antioch	1922	J. M. Ballard	$ 1,000.00	Mrs. H. Wilkinson, Lincolnton, R-3
Bethel	1895	Has None	1,100.00	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton, N. C.
Brookford	1910	W. C. Laney	20,000.00	Burnis B. Bishop, Brookford
Catawba	1874	R. Lee Davis	5,800.00	C. W. Ervin, Catawba.
Center View	1915	L. A. McClure	2,500.00	J. F. Hovis, Lincolnton.
Corinth	1885	W. E. Bost	2,500.00	C. O. Ritchey, Vale, R-4.
Denver	1814	C. M. Robinson	2,500.00	Dr. N. H. Abernethy, Charlotte
Faith	1905	H. B. Jones	1,200.00	B. E. Ballard, Iron Station.
Gainsville	1923	L. A. Bangle	2,500.00	C. C. Houser, Crouse.
Goodsonville	1922	H. B. Jones	4,200.00	B. M. Smith, Lincolnton
Hickory, First	1870	R. C. Campbell	125,000.00	E. L. Fox, Hickory.
Highland	1912	E. F. Sullivan	30,000.00	O. T. Rockett, Hickory.
Lawings Chapel	1908	L. A. McClure	1,500.00	H. R. Wilkinson, Lincolnton, R-4.
Leonard's Fork	1883	W. Arthur Hoffman	1,000.00	J. W. Hoover, Crouse
Lincolnton, First	1859	E. F. Hardin	80,000.00	E. T. Childs, Lincolnton.
Lincolnton Avenue	1910	Wm. W. Abernethy	10,000.00	J. V. Dellinger, Lincolnton.
Macedonia	1832	W. B. McClure	10,500.00	S. L. Bollinger, Lincolnton, R-3.
Maiden	1891	T. C. Singleton	10,000.00	T. H. Caldwell, Maiden.
East Maiden	1927	L. R. Williams	4,000.00	E. H. Williams, Maiden.
Mtn. Grove	1881	J. L. Teague	2,000.00	G. F. Huffman, Hickory.
Mt. Ruhama	1816	L. A. McClure	3,550.00	Geo. W. Caldwell, Newton, R-2.
Mtn. View	1893	L. A. McClure	3,000.00	M. O. Gilleland, Maiden.
Mt. Zion	1869	T. H. Roach	2,000.00	M. J. Hager, Alexis.
Newton, First	1881	Geo. V. Tilley	54,000.00	Miss Rose Moose, Newton.
North Newton	1921	G. V. Tilley	3,500.00	Mrs. J. E. Link, Newton.
Olivet	1837	C. M. Robinson	4,000.00	F. B. Tilley, Catawba, R-2.
Penelope	1888	M. I. Harris	10,000.00	C. C. Kees, Hickory.
Piney Grove	1904	C. M. Robinson	500.00	Lee Setzer, Newton, R-2.
Providence	1878	J. J. Waldrop	2,000.00	R. L. Asherbraner, Vale.
Reepsville	1878	Carl L. Devine	1,000.00	Marvin Sronce, Lincolnton, R-2.
River View	1899	T. H. Roach	7,000.00	Piroy Coffey, Lincolnton, R-6.
Salem	1849	J. B. Payne	500.00	Clarence Helms, Lincolnton.
Sharon	1884	Have None	600.00	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station.
South Side	1925	L. R. Williams	3,000.00	Alice Huss, Lincolnton.
Warlick's	1875	Claud Abernethy	1,500.00	E. F. Berry, Icard.
West Hickory	1907	R. G. Short	14,000.00	W. A. Lutz, West Hickory.

CHURCHES	PASTOR'S SALARIES	OTHER SALARIES	MINISTERIAL HELP	BUILDING AND REPAIRS	INCIDENTALS	S. S. AND B.Y.P.U., ETC.	HELP TO THE POOR	MINUTES AND PRINTING	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES
Antioch	$ 81.45	$	$	$ 50.00	$	$	$	$	$	$ 131.45
Bethel	75.00									75.00
Brookford	715.43		80.79	287.50	361.29	62.23	25.00	4.00		1,536.24
Catawba	235.20		127.50	7.50	55.00	138.37	5.00	4.50	233.76	806.83
Center View	221.77		40.00	30.00	25.00	53.08	22.00	1.65		393.45
Corinth	200.00		45.00		24.00	50.00		1.20		319.20
Denver	150.00							1.00		151.00
Faith	50.00		21.40			2.11		.25		73.76
Gainsville	300.00			100.00	50.00	40.00		1.00	5.00	496.00
Goodsonville	964.30	10.00	117.65	1,500.00	140.00	100.00	50.00	2.25		2,884.20
Hickory First	3,525.00	832.50	1,218.50	5,952.57	1,345.04	146.13	67.51	25.00		13.112.25
Highland	2,500.00		122.60	2,790.75	609.92	190.53	60.03	5.00	569.07	6,847.90
Lawings Chapel	179.16	30.70	105.98		8.40	65.44		1.15		390.83
Leonards Fork	125.00		38.00			8.22		1.00		172.22
Lincolnton First	2,700.00			2,449.51	576.12	297.56		5.00	396.89	6,425.08
Lincolnton Ave	1,190.00		27.50	3,829.44	79.40	177.16	25.00	5.00	348.60	5,688.00
Macedonia	300.00		42.55	13.25		25.00		2.50	116.00	499.30
Maiden	1,158.46		144.92	141.85				2.25	14.55	1,462.03
Maiden East	300.00		53.00	1,345.94	300.00	55.00		4.20	70.00	2,128.14
Mtn. Grove	400.00		25.00			65.00		2.50		587.50
Mt. Ruhama	386.13		50.00	199.92	6.75	41.87	17.00	5.00	9.00	715.67
Mtn. View	200.00				52.19				25.00	277.19
Mt. Zion	210.50		35.00		27.05	26.60		1.00		300.15
Newton	1,800.00		118.50	669.30	247.67	145.26		5.00	445.26	3,430.96
North Newton	556.00			106.00	14.00	91.32	5.00	1.50		773.82
Olivet	900.00		74.70	60.00	27.00	140.00		3.00	12.00	1,216.70
Penelope	1,070.33		71.00	827.56	124.55	161.00	22.00	2.00	128.56	2,407.00
Piney Grove	62.88		11.90			7.63		.60		93.01
Providence	281.40		70.00			20.98		1.75		374.13
Reepsville	100.00	3.07	31.57	23.95	46.25	24.27	5.57	.90		235.03
River View	1,200.00		71.05	29.70	72.65	50.65	280.00	3.00	202.50	1,909.55
Salem	155.80					26.53		1.00	9.75	193.08
Sharon	47.50					12.00			8.50	68.00
South Side	323.69		78.15	1,200.00	12.00	85.00	30.34	3.20	32.00	1,764.38
Warlicks	160.00	56.00		15.30		74.20	57.90	1.00		472.40
West Hickory	1,500.00		107.95	1,929.75	125.00	167.06		5.00	230.25	4,063.01
TOTALS	$24,325.00	$ 932.27	$2,848.90	$23,559.79	$3,929.28	$2,550.20	$ 672.35	$ 104.40	$2,856.69	$62,778.88

NOTE—This is $22,273.69 more than last year.

BENEVOLENT OBJECTS

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	STATE MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	MINISTERIAL EDUCATION	SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES	HOSPITALS	ORPHANAGES	MINISTERIAL RELIEF—OLD MINISTERS	TOTAL
Bethel	$	$ 50.00	$	$	$	$ 10.00	$	$	$	$ 60.00
Brookford			29.60				7.90	8.59		46.09
Catawba	566.80	38.35	13.20	53.19				154.83		826.37
Center View		7.00	9.00	8.42			7.26	22.83		54.51
Corinth		5.00	2.00	2.00					2.00	11.00
Denver	11.00									11.00
Faith						11.00		6.55		17.55
Gainsville			2.00				2.00	4.25	4.00	12.25
Goodsonville	33.33	35.67					100.60			169.60
Hckory, First	3,337.24				80.00	292.50		501.01		4,210.75
Hghland	895.60									895.60
Lawings Chapel		3.25	2.70	2.50	.80	5.20	3.40	7.60		25.45
Leonards Fork	22.00	7.50	2.30	7.00			2.31	12.00		55.31
Lincolnton First	708.00	60.64	9.46	75.74		100.00	25.00	107.43		1,287.86
Lincolnton Avenue	184.53									184.53
Macedonia	10.00							3.65		13.65
Maiden		66.62						58.21		124.83
East Maiden		9.00		10.00			7.33	11.00		37.33
Mtn. Grove	29.63	6.75								36.38
Mt. Ruhama	23.00					57.25	10.28	25.69		116.22
Mtn. View							6.34			6.34
Mt. Zion			57.52			5.00		47.45		109.97
Newton	102.55	10.75				61.00	10.00	190.00		374.30
North Newton		6.90						23.86		30.76
Olivet	186.48	72.11	4.66	4.66		202.75		49.10	6.01	525.77
Penelope	159.58						5.00	46.88		211.46
Piney Grove		2.50		2.50		15.00	5.00	7.23		32.23
Providence			18.20	23.95				20.40		62.55
Reepsville		4.50		3.00			1.75	24.69		33.94
River View		31.45	37.60	32.20		41.50		134.20	10.55	287.50
Salem						23.50				23.50
Sharon	5.00	3.75	5.80	4.00				6.00		24.55
South Side	48.08							10.20		58.28
Warlicks	17.00									17.00
West Hickory	108.77									108.77
TOTAL	$6,438.59	$ 421.74	$ 194.04	$ 229.16	$ 80.80	$ 884.70	$ 184.17	$1,458.37		

CHURCHES	Superintendents of Sunday Schools and Addresses	OFFICERS AN TEACHERS	BEGINNERS (3-5 Years)	PRIMARIES (6-8 Years)	JUNIORS (9-12 Years)	INTERMEDIAT (13-16 Years)	YOUNG PEOPL (17-24 Years)	ADULTS (25 Years and	CRADLE ROLL (Under 3 Yea	HOME DEPARTMENT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	IS THE S. S. GRADED?	IS IT STANDARD	Officers & Teache Holding Diploma	BAPTISMS FROM S. S.	GIFTS FOR SUPPORT OF S.	Gifts to Mission, Orphanage, Etc	FROM S. S. TOTAL GIFTS
Antioch	Mrs. H. Wilkerson Lincolnton R-3										30						$	$	$ 6.71
Brookford	T. C. Adams Brookford	18	10	16	36	26	10	24			140	127	Yes	No	5		171.81	16.49	188.30
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	11	12	12	20	19	13	32			119	61	Yes	No	6	12	109.53	85.34	194.86
Center View	Walter Laney Maiden, R-1	13	17	13	23	10	26	21			140	103	Yes	No	7	5	53.08		53.08
Corinth	J. L. Wilson Vale R-4	13	9	17	14	18		46			117	50	Yes	No				18.00	18.00
Denver	Miss Bettie Beal Iron																		
Faith	Mss Louise Hilderman Alexis										25								
Gainsville	T. C. Cunningham Lincolnton, R-1	10	40	30	30	35		20			165					13	2.00		2.00
Goodsonville	J. A. Hallman Lincolnton	18	33	24	24	35	35	67	50	6	292	98	Yes	No	5	4	113.26	92.78	207.04
Hickory First	T. P. Pruitt Hickory	81	62	88	89	71	72	234	81	35	813	421	Yes	Yes	45	30	900.86	609.12	1,509.98
Highland	G. Glynn Bolch Hickory	52	46	80	77	66	94	123	57	38	633	241	Yes	Yes	27	16	466.80	284.27	751.07
Lawings Chapel	G. S. Whisnant Lincolnton, R-4	15	15	13	22	18	13	25	27		133	68	Yes	Yes	8	6	45.62	25.69	71.31
Leonards Fork	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse	6	11	7	5			25			42	30	No	No			22.72		22.72
Lincolnton First	Robt. H. Harrill Lincolnton	38	17	31	44	36	12	75	54	52	354	145	Yes	No	17	5	230.17		230.17
Lincolnton Avenue	J. T. Wise Lincolnton	19	22	28	37	33	35	42	32		230	171	Yes	No	16		230.17	26.00	256.17
Macedonia	Miss Greyanus Barker Lincolnton	11	4	12	30	22	44	30			143	60							
Maiden	T. H. Caldwell Maiden	21	28	54	58	41	65	84	25		376	173	Yes	Yes	18	18	306.35	112.83	419.18
East Maiden	E. H. Williams Maiden	17	25	20	25	35	30	42	12		206	160	Yes	No	10	25	125.00	18.00	143.00
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckard Hickory	10	9	12	19	11	14	28			83	50	Yes	No					
Mt. Ruhama	W. M. Caldwell Maiden, R-1	14	23	20	30	31	24	64	23		227	100	Yes	No					
Mtn. View	M. M. Moore Maiden	10									91	60				6			
Mt. Zion	Iva Cloninger Alexis	9	6	7	10	15	13	24			93	62	No	No	7		312.37	13.45	325.82
Newton	Grover C. Huitt Newton	26	31	59	36	58	71	62	26		348	195	Yes	No		22	231.45	190.00	421.45
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant Newton	11	22	19	14	14	50	13			153	102	No	No	3	3	136.32	27.08	163.40
Olivet	Osborne Brown Long Island	22	11	33	53	34	36	39	20		248	125	Yes	Yes	13	7	354.45	140.43	494.88
Penelope	L. F. Yoder Hickory	27	23	59	71	47	51	68	31		368	148	Yes	No		10	160.53	46.84	207.37
Piney Grove	Lee Setzer Newton, R-2	6									35	20						1.38	1.38
Providence	M. S. Brittain Vale	18	11	13	28	20	16	44	28	10	188	64	Yes	No		3		5.00	5.00
Reepsville	McKinley Sronce Vale	11	11	7	18	18	10	26			101	85	Yes	Yes	11	11	95.58		95.58
River View	J. H. Faircloth Lincolnton, R-5	10	42	35	28	11	37	53			216	128				6	50.65	134.20	184.86
Salem	P. S. Helms Lincolnton	11	17	13	8	6	37	19			111	65	Yes	No	5	1			
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	5			17	11	17	10			67	30	Yes	No					
South Side	E. L. Carpenter Lincolnton	10	20	32	45	33	58	44			242	160	No	No		24	285.67	58.28	343.67
Warlicks	Grover Church Connelly Springs	10	20	16	14	12	12	26	10		120	60	Yes	Yes		17	74.20	18.00	92.20
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz West Hickory	21	19	36	63	66	40	60	6		311	206	Yes	No	6	1014	308.15	10.00	318.15
TOTALS		573	646	806	988	852	887	1461	482	141	6876	3568			209	1258	$4,986.74	$2,001.18	$6,987.92

Program of South Fork Association

THURSDAY MORNING

10:00 A. M. ..... Sermon
10:45 A. M. ..... Organization
11:00 A. M. ..... Biblical Recorder
11:30 A. M. ..... Orphanage
12:00 M. ..... Adjournment

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:10 P. M. ..... Devotional
1:25 P. M. ..... Miscellaneous
1:35 P. M. ..... Sunday School
2:05 P. M. ..... Report of Executive Committee
2:35 P. M. ..... Two Minute Report from Each Church
3:05 P. M. ..... Miscellaneous
3:20 P. M. ..... Adjournment

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:15 P. M. ..... Devotional
7:30 P. M. ..... B. Y. P. U.
8:00 P. M. ..... Education
8:45 P. M. ..... Miscellaneous
9:00 P. M. ..... Adjournment

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 A. M. ..... Devotional
9:45 A. M. ..... Miscellaneous
9:55 A. M. ..... Reading of Minutes
10:10 A. M. ..... State Missions
10:40 A. M. ..... Home Missions
11:10 A. M. ..... Foreign Missions
11:40 A. M. ..... Ministers' Relief
12:00 M. ..... Adjournment

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:10 P. M. ..... Devotional
1:25 P. M. ..... Hospital
1:55 P. M. ..... Woman's Work
2:25 P. M. ..... Temperance
2:45 P. M. ..... Obituaries
2:55 P. M. ..... Digest of Church Letters
3:10 P. M. ..... Miscellaneous
3:25 P. M. ..... Adjournment

T. H. ROACH,
E. F. HARDIN, *Committee.*

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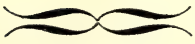

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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Osborne Brown, *Moderator* ..... Catawba, N. C.
E. F. Sullivan, *Vice Moderator* ..... Hickory, N. C.
J. F. Click, *Clerk* ..... Hickory, N. C.
J. Yates Killian, *Treasurer* ..... Newton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

One Year	*Two Years*	*Three Years*
Beeker Smith	R. A. Self	J. Y. Killian
L. L. Hatfield	W. W. Ervin	R. H. Harrell

PASTORS

W. W. Abernethy	Lowell	W. W. Marr	Lincolnton
C. A. Abernethy	Icard	J. B. Payne	Boiling Springs
L. A. Bangle	Lincolnton	C. Frank Pittman	Hickory
W. E. Bost	Maiden	T. H. Roach	Lincolnton
M. G. Buchanan	Maiden	C. M. Robinson	Catawba
R. Lee Davis	Statesville	R. G. Short	Hickory
Carl L. Devine	Lincolnton	S. A. Stroup	Newton
E. F. Hardin	Lincolnton	E. F. Sullivan	Hickory
M. I. Harris	Hickory	J. L. Teague	Hickory
W. A. Huffman	Gastonia	R. P. Rhyne	Dallas
H. B. Jones	Lincolnton	Geo. V. Tilley	Newton
W. C. Laney	Brookford	J. J. Waldrop	Vale
L. A. McClure	Alexis	L. R. Williams	Maiden

NOT PASTORS

P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton	Vance Heavner	R-1, Hickory
Ed Brown	Worth	T. H. Pernell	Lincolnton
H. M. Croom	Catawba	E. S. Whisnant	R-4, Lincolnton
Perry Crouch	Hickory	G. P. Young	R-1, Hickory

PROCEEDINGS

South Fork Baptist Association convened in its fifty-first annual session with Mt. Zion Church on Thursday, September 26, 1929, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order. The congregation sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer, T. H. Roach leading.

ANNUAL SERMON

The Annual Sermon was preached by E. F. Hardin. His subject was, "Missions." A good sermon. All enjoyed it.

The Moderator stated that the Association was now ready for business. The roll of churches was called. Every one of the 36 churches answered present. The delegates enrolled as follows:

ANTIOCH—J. R. Ingle, H. A. Shronce, L. R. Shronce, Ralph Pendleton, C. J. Devine.

BETHEL—C. C. Wease, R. A. Long, E. T. Sigmon, W. C. Mullen, A. M. Harrell, H. C. Harrell.

BROOKFORD—Mrs. Kate Miller, Miss Zelda Huffman, James Holtzclaw, L. C. Elders, Hugh Reinhardt, W. C. Laney.

CATAWBA—R. H. Brown, H. A. Witherspoon, Miss Edna Danner, Miss Lutell Brown, R. Lee Davis.

CENTER VIEW—Geo. M. Norwood, B. D. Burk, M. C. Laney, Noah W. Laney, W. W. Laney, S. P. Beaty.

CORINTH—C. C. Propst, Clayton Stallings, R. W. Abernethy.

DENVER—W. F. Keever, Mrs. W. F. Keever.

EAST MAIDEN—L. R. Williams, E. S. Whisnant, R. B. Cook, V. S. Turbyfill.

FAITH—B. E. Ballard, J. M. Ballard.

GAINSVILLE—C. C. Houser, Scott Campbell, Charles Bridges, T. C. Cunningham.

Goodsonville—Mrs. J. P. Williams, Mrs. Earl Keener, Mrs. B. M. Smith, Miss Robie Whisnant, Clayde Lawing.

HICKORY FIRST—Dr. C. Frank Pittman, Mrs. C. Frank Pittman, Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Mrs. R. M. Perry, Mrs. W. T. Sledge, Mrs. E. H. Umstead, Mrs. L. L. Hatfield, O. Joe Howard, N. P. Whitesides, S. A. Whitener, W. S. Wheeler, J. F. Click, L. L. Hatfield, R. M. Perry.

HIGHLAND—E. F. Sullivan, Mrs. A. T. Fox, Mrs. W. J. Anderson, Mrs. L. R. Rogers.

LAWINGS CHAPEL—G. S. Caldwell Mrs. G. S. Caldwell, G. S. Whisnant, W. H. Caldwell.

LEONARD'S FORK—G. W. Hoover, Mike Gilbert, Charles Neal.

LINCOLNTON FIRST—P. W. Bangle, L. V. Padgett, Mrs. S. D.

Honeycutt, Mrs. J. T. McLean, Miss Pauline Cornwell, E. F. Hardin.

LINCOLNTON AVENUE—W. W. Marr, E. M. Hallman, J. T. Wise, Mrs. L. P. Mull, Mrs. E. M. Hallman, Mrs. J. T. Wise, Mrs. W. K. Stover.

MACEDONIA—W. A. Potts, C. L. Reed.

MAIDEN—L. F. Caldwell, T. H. Caldwell, Mrs. T. H. Caldwell, Mrs. L. F. Caldwell.

MOUNTAIN GROVE—J. L. Teague, G .F. Huffman, C. S. Eckard, Mrs. G. F. Huffman, Mrs. C. S. Eckard, Miss Mary Huffman.

MT. RUHAMA—J. M. Murray, F. A. Ballard, Tom Cline, W. M. Caldwell.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—M. M. Moore, L. P. Gillleand, M. O. Gilleland, Mrs. M. O. Gilleland, Mrs. L. P. Gilleland.

NEWTON—J. W. Coley, J. W. Hollingsworth.

NORTH NEWTON—S. A. Stroup.

OLIVET—W. W. Ervin, Chas. B. Robinson, C. M. Robinson.

PENELOPE—M. I. Harris, Mrs. M. I. Harris, G. S. Robinson, Mrs. G. S. Robinson, Mrs. W. T. Phillips, Mrs. A. C. Sneed.

PINEY GROVE—J. P. Abernethy, P. E. Caldwell.

PROVIDENCE—G. P. Young, M. S. Brittain.

REEPSVILLE—S. G. Gordon, Mrs. S. G. Gordon.

RIVER VIEW—G. W. Punch, Mrs. R. A. Coffey, Mrs. J. T. Coffey, Mrs. P. L. Coffey.

SALEM—Carl Helms, L. D. Helms, Mrs. L. D. Helms, C. M. Hamard, Mrs. J. R. Avery, Mrs. M. M. Summey.

SHARON—A. C. Lineberger, L. A. Abernethy, Miss Jessie Dellinger.

SOUTH SIDE—W. M. Coffey, Miss Gertie Coffey, Miss Huss, Mrs. Avery Whitesides.

WARLICK—P. S. Berry, Mrs. E. S. Glass, Mrs. A. L. Breakfield, Claude Abernethy.

WEST HICKORY—W. S. Abernethy, Mrs. W. S. Abernethy, and Mrs. W. G. Abernethy.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The Moderator called Roy Williams to the chair and the following officers were elected: Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice Moderator, E. F. Sullivan; Clerk, J. F. Click, Treasurer, J. Yates Killian.

The Moderator, on taking the chair, called for the report on Program. The same was read and adopted.

The following were recognized and made welcome:

REPRESENTATIVES—Dr. Chas. Maddry, Secretary of the

State Mission Board; W. R. Beach, representing The Biblical Recorder.

VISITORS—R. G. Mace, H. E. King, and J. M. Ballard, all from Gaston County Association.

NEW PASTORS

The following new pastors were recognized: M. L. Buchanan, C. Frank Pittman, W. W. Marr, and S. A. Stroup.

C. M. Robinson read the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

It was the wisdom of the founders of organized Baptist work in North Carolina that established The Biblical Recorder as a medium of communication, and an organ of the Baptist State Convention. If such a medium were necessary in those days, how much more necessary now, since our work has become so complex?

If there has ever been a time when christian workers, educators, and parents should do all in their power to furnish the rising generation with Christian education, and Christian literature, that time is now.

What an object lesson is presented to us today right here in North Carolina. Communism, Catholicism, and a great number of other isms are gnawing at the very vitals of our religion and government. They all prey on the unwary, and depend upon the ignorant hordes for their adherents. If we parents do not want to furnish fuel for their consumption we had better bring our children under Church and Sunday School influences; and furnish them with Christian literature to read. And, I do not hesitate to put our own publications, The Biblical Recorder, The Home and Foreign Field, Charity and Children, etc., in the very front rank.

We are unreasonable if we expect our children to grow into stalwart Christian manhood and womanhood upon such unwholesome literature as that being put out by the press of the world in our day.

The Recorder contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers; and is furnished at a loss of an average of $4,000.00 per year to the seventy-nine stockholders who own it. Should we not feel ashamed and alarmed when we realize that we are selling the probability of the salvation, and the development of the spiritual possibilities of our children for the difference in the price of The Recorder, and some of the dirty yellow sheets that we furnish to them?

The question of what people are reading today, and the influence it is having upon them has become so acute that even the man whose vision is eclipsed by the dollar mark should be aroused to our present condition and the tragedy that awaits us.

First: We recommend, and urge, that every home represented here sees to it that The Recorder comes into it, and that each

inmate have the chance to read its pages.

Second: we also recommend and urge that every individual here make it a point to lay this matter upon the hearts of his or her people when you return to your homes.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. ROBINSON.

The report was discussed by C. M. Robinson and W. R. Beach and adopted.

L. V. Padgett read the following report:

THE MILLS HOME

By vote of the Baptist State Convention last December, the name of Thomasville Baptist Orphanage was changed to The Mills Home. The change in name was made in memory and honor of the founder and first general manager of the institution from 1885 to 1895, J. H. Mills.

Since 1885—in 44 years—this institution has grown from its first child received November 11th to the last published record of 637 children, with 2,104 others having been enrolled and helped during the 44 years.

The institution, sites, buildings, grounds and equipment is worth today more than a half million dollars. The total value of plant, endowment assets, etc., is $1,024,477.78.

Now this total value of more than one million dollars is not operating expense money. Operating expense money must come from the local churches and Sunday Schools of this and other associations of North Carolina. No other institution has ever been so dependent on the once a month contribution from the Sunday Schools, as our orphanage has. Almost from the beginning, this has been the sole support of the orphanage.

More recently the Thanksgiving offering has been adopted by many of our churches. Yet our general manager's report to the board of trustees shows that contributions are coming in slowly, and that if there is not a decided improvement in receipts by Thanksgiving, it will be necessary to consider drastic retrenchment. And yet, the appeals for help are multiplying with the intensity of the financial depression. Every church of our Association is requested and urged to take the once a month collection for the orphanage, and not hold it three months, but send it to the orphanage each month.

Respectfully submitted,
L. V. Padgett.

The report was discussed by L. V. Padgett and J. H. McMillan of The Mills Home, and adopted.

After prayer by Dr. Maddry, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner, which was served on a long table in the grove. It was loaded with all kinds of the finest and best eats. All fully enjoyed it.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled. Song, "More Love to Thee." Prayers by Drs. Geo. V. Tilley and Chas. Maddry. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

ON OBITUARIES—L. R. Williams.

ON PLACE AND PREACHER—J. L. Teague, L. A. McClure and M. C. Laney.

TO NOMINATE TWO MEMBERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—R. M. Perry, M. I. Harris, and V. S. Turbyfield.

O. Joe Howard read the following report which was discussed by O. Joe Howard, and adopted:

CENTENNIAL—SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

(Quota $19,500.00)

Payments began June 1, 1928—should be 6/10 paid at this date

CHURCH	QUOTA	SUBS'B'D	PAID TO 9/21/29	TREASURER
Antioch	$ 50.00	$ 25.00	$	Carl Divine R-3, Lincolnton
Bethel	150.00	45.00	10.00	Mrs. W. B. Mullen R-4 "
Brookford	300.00			
Catawba	300.00	638.75	597.11	J. H. L. Coulter Catawba
(Miss Laura Bridges gave $500 of this—the church wanted to raise $300 besides.)				
Center View	150.00			
Corinth	250.00	146.00	5.00	Vance Havener Vale
Denver	50.00	166.00	6.00	R. B. Beal Iron Station
Faith	25.00	19.00	15.90	Louise Helderman R-1, Alexis
Gainesville	50.00	28.00		W. P. Martin R-1, Lincolnt'n
Goodsonville	100.00	100.00	10.00	Beacher Smith Lincolnton
Hickory 1st	8,000.00	3,718.00	499.50	J. D. Greene Hickory
Highland	2,200.00	955.00	130.00	Mrs. J. R. Ball R-3, Hickory
Lawings Cpl	200.00		4.30	H. R. Wilkinson R-4, Linctn
Leonards Fk	100.00	113.00	22.00	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse
Lincolnton 1st	2,500.00	1,582.50	101.00	Mrs. G. W. Roby Lincolnton
Lincolntn Av	500.00	259.00		W. K. Stover Lincolnton
Macedonia	200.00	115.00	6.00	W. A. Potts R-3, Lincolnton
Maiden	500.00	600.00	38.50	Mattye Whitner Maiden
Maiden East	100.00	100.00	14.00	U. S. Turbyfill Maiden
Mtn Grove	400.00	265.00	20.00	G. F. Huffman R-1, Hickory
Mt. Ruhama	300.00	300.00	63.25	Mrs. Lee Campbell Newton
Mtn. View	100.00	100.00	15.84	L. P. Gilleland R-1, Maiden
Mt. Zion	200.00	100.00		M. J. Hager Alexis
Newton 1st	850.00	230.00	111.00	Mrs. J. B. Morris Newton
N. Newton	50.00	40.00	5.00	C. J. Stewart R-4, Newton
Olivet	1,200.00	1,200.50	590.50	W. A. Kale Catawba
Penelope	500.00	405.00	83.00	W. C. A. Thornburg Hickory
Piney Grove	50.00	55.00	27.00	J. P. Abernethy Catawba
Providence	150.00	204.00	72.00	Carrie Hudson R-4, Vale
Reepsville	50.00	263.00	75.00	Miss Zona Smith R-1, Vale
Riverview	300.00	150.00	36.25	S. T. Reep Southside

Salem	100.00	66.00	37.50	John R. Avery...R-6, Lincolnton
Sharon	50.00	20.00	13.35	Jessie Dellinger.....Iron Station
Southside	50.00	50.00	.....	Rev. Roy Williams.....Maiden
Warlicks	100.00	87.00	18.25	E. T. Berry.....Icard
W. Hickory	877.00	45.00	6.00	Lillian Abernathy.....W. Hickory
	$19,500.00	$12,190.75	$2,633.25	

Dr. C. F. Pittman read the following report:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

From the beginning education was imposed as a divine obligation upon Jewish parents. The original idea was that the home was the school, the state and the church. God made the teaching of the divine law compulsory upon every parent in the most impressive manner. This teaching began when the child could lisp its mother's name. These words were to be the theme of conversation in the home, at work, upon the bed, upon arising in the morning.

It was the custom to gather the people for religious instruction. The law was read and expounded. When this knowledge decayed captivity was the result. The old prophets prophesied that ignorance and lack of spiritual knowledge would bring the nation into captivity. Great provision was made for the places of instruction. The synagogue was the product of such provision. Later the schools of the prophets were created. Compulsory education dated from 75 a. d. Parents were forbidden to move to any place where there was no school. The child was absolved from supporting any aged parent who did not educate him.

In the time of Christ we find academies and higher schools, and special schools. Josephus and other historians tell us that the children were well trained. So thoroughly did they hide the law and Scriptures in their hearts that almost every religious utterance was in the Old Testament language. Philo said: "They bear the image of the law on their souls."

Christianity is primarily a teaching religion. Jesus was the peerless teacher. The disciples were great teachers. Paul's qualification for the pastor is that he must be "apt to teach."

Baptist have played a noble part in education. They have always recognized the very great importance of a trained constituency. They have emphasized the right sort of training. Our problem is a problem of leadership. Trained leaders is the call of the hour. Leaders who can lead and train the masses. Baptists have always emphasized a trained leadership. The recognition of the need of trained leadership led in the establishment of our schools, colleges and universities. Our fathers built well. They believed that the primary mission of a school was the establishment of the reign of Christ in the hearts of men. There is no higher ideal for education than that. They recognized that the heart of religion is the religion of the heart. We as Baptists betray the trust of our fathers if we fail to keep our schools Christian to the core. No loyal Baptist can be disloyal to our

institutions. We should support worthily all of our Southwide institutions. This includes our colleges, junior and senior, high schools and seminaries. Our schools must be endowed. We must endow our schools or we shall see them die. Our Centennial campaign is a splendid step in the right direction. We need to support to a successful conclusion this campaign. Nothing could put a better spirit into our schools than the successful completion of this forward step. In the months remaining for the completion of this campaign we should see to it that victory crowns our efforts. Our nobly gifted editor is correct in saying that this is perhaps our greatest task facing us. Our task as pastors, Sunday school workers and workers all along the line is the successful completion of this Centennial Campaign. We ought not, we dare not turn a deaf ear to the great hosts of students who are knocking at the doors of our schools. Our task is to provide for these and to cooperate nobly and heroicly with the splendid consecrated men and women who are giving themselves to the task of training our future leaders and workers, and to create a conviction that our Christian schools are our most valuable rounded educational, evangelistic, missionary assets. To this task may we dedicate our hands, our hearts and our money.

Respectfully submitted,
C. FRANK PITTMAN.

It was discussed by Dr. Pittman and adopted.

L. L. Hatfield read the following:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Stated meetings have been held as frequently as the committee deemed wise during the past year. The attendance at all meetings has been 100 per cent, save in one instance when one member of the committee was not physically able to attend. The Moderator, Bro. Osborne Browne, has attended every meeting, always entering heartily into the transaction of business pertaining to this Association.

Your committee gave careful consideration to all requests for financial aid and, after making such changes as we deemed wise, forwarding all such requests to the General Board at Raleigh.

J. Y. Killian was elected to succeed himself as trustee to the Scholarship Fund.

It will be recalled that this Association, at its last Annual Session, set as its part of the State's Goal for the Cooperative Program for 1929, $10,500.00, and requested this Committee to apportion this amount among the churches of the Association. Realizing the great importance of this task, your committee invited all pastors of the Association for a conference and, with their aid, we apportioned the above amount among the churches to the best of our ability, and notified each church of its quota. Later, this was followed by a letter to each church with request that a report be made by their delegates to this Association

showing what progress has been made.

Your committee elected Rev. L. A. McClure, of Alexis, to attend the Summer School for ministers, which was held in Meredith College in June. This was done in response to a request from Dr. Maddry, in which he stated that the General Board would bear the expense of any minister whom we might elect to attend the school.

At a recent meeting, your committee adopted the following resolution, which we trust you will consider at this time:

WHEREAS, the Scholarship to Meredith College has been awarded to Miss Mary Harris for this her senior year, or until she shall graduate,

Be it RESOLVED: That hereafter this Scholarship shall be awarded to one person for only two years, and that before the award of the Scholarship for the second year be made the President of Meredith College, or of Mars Hill College, shall be requested to furnish the Executive Committee, through its Chairman, a record of the applicant's work for the previous year, and if the work is satisfactory to the committee, then the award will be made for the second year.

Your committee has arranged programs and secured speakers for the Quarterly Union Meetings of this Association during the past year. These meetings rotate with the view of meeting with every church of the Association.

In this, as in all other matters pertaining to the advancement of the Cause of Christ, we are at the service of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. HATFIELD.

The report was discussed by L. L. Hatfield, Dr. Tilley, and the Moderator, and adopted.

J. Yates Killian read the following as trustee of

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I will give the amount of funds and where and how invested.

The town of Maiden two notes:	
One dated May 1, 1928, for	$1,200.00
One dated April 29, 1929, for	650.00
Claremont Hosiery Mills:	
One note dated June 6, 1928	1,000.00
Total	$2,850.00

The interest collected on the $1,200.00 up to May 1, 1929, and the interest collected on the $1,000.00 up to June, 1929. The $650.00 note which was on certificate at bank, and the total amount sent to Miss Mary Harris at Meredith College, is $148.62.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Y. KILLIAN, Treas.

The report was adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

The Committee appointed to nominate two members of the Executive Committee for three years, reported and nominated R. H. Harrill and J. Y. Killian. They were so elected.

PLACE AND PREACHER

The Commitee appointed on Place and Preacher, report place, Warlick; Preacher, C. Frank Pittman. The report was adopted.

L. L. Hatfield made a motion to take a collection to supplement the Minute Fund. The motion carried, and $6.09 was collected.

REPORTS FROM CHURCHES

Two minutes report from each church was called for, and were made by many of them, and were entertaining.

A motion carried to extend the time, and hear the report on Sunday Schools. It was read and discussed by E. F. Sullivan and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The open Bible and the uplifted cross must hold with increasing emphasis the center of Sunday School life and effort. The Sunday School is a church institution, living, powerful, and growing, and will prove itself most useful to any church that is willing to plan, train, and pray for it.

Much has been said in the past few years about training our Sunday School forces. This is, as it should be. We need the most capable and the best equipped to lead us in the study of this the greatest of all books—the Bible. But also along with this training we need to raise the requirements for conduct and faithfulness on the part of the Sunday School officers and teachers. No teacher should be tolerated, whose life doesn't square with the Bible that he is supposed to teach. Lesons are best learned when translated into the conduct of the teacher. Too, our churches should demand faithfulness in performing the detailed duties incumbent upon Sunday School workers. Indifference and carelessness are inexcusable where human souls are involved.

The Sunday Schools of our State and Southland have a worthy program to challenge them. This program includes the teaching of the Scriptures, the winning of the lost to Christ, the training in doctrine and stewardship, and the enlisting of the absentees and the unenrolled. We commend this program to our churches,

for many of these churches fail for the lack of a big program.

In the South Fork Association we have an associational Sunday School organization, with a superintendent, a secretary, and five group superintendents in charge. This organization holds monthly meetings at churches conveniently located. We also hold in the spring an annual meeting. These meetings have all been well attended, some of them have almost rivalled this body in attendance. We have eight or nine schools that have reached the standard this year, with a half a dozen more on the border of qualifying. We strongly urge that each church send big delegations to the monthly meetings mentioned above.

Your committee realizes that there are always some churches planning to build or remodel their church houses. To such we remind them that Rev. J. M. Page, our Building Evangelist, of Raleigh, will render valuable services to the churches in this way. He can help them in saving money and also in properly arranging the building.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

R. A. Self read the following:

REPORT OF B. Y. P. U.

Our churches were at one time handicapped on account of not having trained leaders to carry on the work as it should be. Now we have a training camp for our young Christians, a place that they might prepare themselves for more efficient service in the work of our Master and find their talent and cultivate same.

We all know the B. Y. P. U. is a part of the church program as much so as the Sunday School and other organization of the church and should be given as much consideration by the pastor and the church. We owe it to every young Christian to give them something to do and help them, there is no better place in the church to do this than in our B. Y. P. U.'s.

We should recognize this as our training camp, that we must train ourselves in God's service in order to be better soldiers of the cross.

In our Association we have a few churches that do not have a Union, but I hope that we will cooperate together and before another associational year is gone that we will have a training service in every one of our places of worship.

For the information of all who are listing the B. Y. P. U. associational officers and hope that they may be of service to all in our Association of which each is ready to do.

President, Ralph A. Self, Hickory, N. C.; Vice President Hickory District, Miss Ellen Teague, Hickory, N. C.; Vice President Newton District, Miss Edna Danner, Catawba, N. C.; Vice President Maiden District, Miss Mattie Whitener, Maiden, N. C.; Vice President Lincolnton District, Mr. Robert Harrill, Lincolnton, N. C.; Junior and Intermediate Leader, Mrs. M. T. Leatherman, Lincolnton,

N. C.; Secretary, Mr. Winslow Hallman, Lincolnton, N. C.; Pianist, Miss Fay Phillips, Hickory, N. C.; Chorister, Miss Ruby Padgett, Lincolnton, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH A. SELF.

It was discussed by R. A. Self and adopted.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock. Prayer by J. L. Teague.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association convened at 9:00 a. m. Song, "Lord Plant My Feet on Higher Ground." S. A. Stroup read the 2nd chapter of Acts, and made a talk on "Revivals." Prayer by T. H. Roach. Song, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand." Prayer by Roy Williams.

The Moderator called the Association to order, and appointed the following committees:

To nominate two delegates to the Baptist State Convention—J. L. Teague, L. A. McClure, N. P. Whitesides.

To nominate one delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—C. F. Pittman, T. H. Roach, S. A. Stroup.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

By motion, L. V. Padgett was elected Associational Director for the Mills Home.

By motion, J. L. Teague was elected Associational Director for the Cooperative Program.

The Committee to nominate two delegates to the Baptist State Convention, nominated T. H. Roach and E. F. Sullivan. They were elected.

T. H. Roach read the following report:

STATE MISSIONS

During the past century of their organized life, North Carolina Baptists have wrought well and the smile of God's approval has been upon them. They have grown from a weak struggling band of a few thousand to nearly 400,000; they have gone from ex-

treme poverty to comparative riches; and from almost no facilities for training their leadership to seven colleges in this State, and three South-wide institutions. And yet, our task of making North Carolina a great Baptist commonwealth is far from being complete. Reliable statistics reveal the fact that there are more than a million people in this good State who do not claim Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Since about 48 church members out of every 100 in this State are Baptist, that fact places a tremendous responsibility on us to be faithful and diligent in evangelizing this great multitude that is looking to us for religious influence and guidance.

Our General Board is seeking to solve the Mission problam in North Carolina through its 83 Missionary pastors that are serving 165 churches. Many of which could not have adequate pastoral service but for the timely aid of our Board. Approximately $32,500.00 of the $89,000.00 budget for State Missions, was appropriated to this phase of the work this year. The Board is still further attacking its Mission problem in this State through its Evangelistic staff of three men; through Sunday School department with three regular field workers; three Associational workers and numerous volunteer workers in Associational Enlargement campaigns; through its B. Y. P. U. department with four regular field workers, three Associational workers and volunteer workers in Associational campaigns; through its W. M. U. department with two regular workers in the field and other volunteer helpers; and through the preachers school, work among students in our colleges.

Recommendations: (1) That each church in this Association put forth its best effort to win to Christ all the possibilities within its reach, and train its membership for the most effective service possible, utilizing such agencies of our General Board as may be necessary and available.

(2) That our churches cooperate with our General Board in solving our great mission problem at home and abroad, that they put on a thorough every-member canvass to be made on or before December; that all our members be asked to contribute regularly, according to the Bible plan, to the cooperative program, and that our church treasurers be urged to forward promptly, at least once a month, such funds to Walter Durham, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. ROACH.

The report was discussed by T. H. Roach, J. L. Teague, E. F. Sullivan, L. A. Abernethy and others, and adopted.

The Committee appointed to nominate a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, reported and recommended Osborne Brown. The recommendation was adopted.

Dr. C. Frank Pittman read the report on Home Missions. The report was discussed by Dr. Pittman and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board has had a very trying year. Our hearts were distressed by the ghastly affair which cast a cloud over this department of our work. Many solutions were offered. There were those who wanted our Home and Foreign Mission Boards consolidated. It remained to be seen what the Convention in Memphis would do with the Home Mission Board. There can be no doubt concerning the wisdom of the Convention's action. The Convention heartily and enthusiastically agreed to stand by Home Missions and maintain this work as a separate board.

The defalcation of our Treasurer has already proved itself a blessing. Today this phase of our work is safeguarded as never before. The tragedy of a year ago cannot happen again. The executive force of the Home Mission Board has been completely reorganized.

With the coming of Dr. J. B. Lawrence to the Secretaryship of the Home Mission Board a new day faces us. Dr. Lawrence has already won the confidence and esteem of the brotherhood through the wise outlining of his work.

It has been a source of deep regret that the Department of Evangelism has for the time been discontinued. It is earnestly hoped that soon this work shall be restored. The fields are white unto harvest. Millions within the scope of our Convention are lost. Millions of foreigners with their poisonous teachings and beliefs are within our territory. We must christianize these or they will paganize our country. Every department of this work is handicapped due to indebtedness and shortage of funds. It is tragical to note the work of retrenchment that has been going on in our Home Mission work. What a noble work could be done among our foreigners, good will centers, negroes, Indians, deaf-mute people, soldiers, seamen, Cuba and Panama, in our Mountain Schools, in the Department of Church Extension Work, in our work among the Jews, if we had the money. If Southern Baptists are to meet God unashamed they must do more for Home Missions. A new day faces us. We should support worthily our newly elected Secretary. Our task is great, but with our Living Christ we are sufficient to make America Christian.

The Home Mission Board submitted the following record for the last Conventional year:

All obligations on this year's work paid promptly.

All interest charges paid promptly.

All due payments on bonds paid promptly.

Notes payable reduced from $1,248,000.00 to $882,000.00.

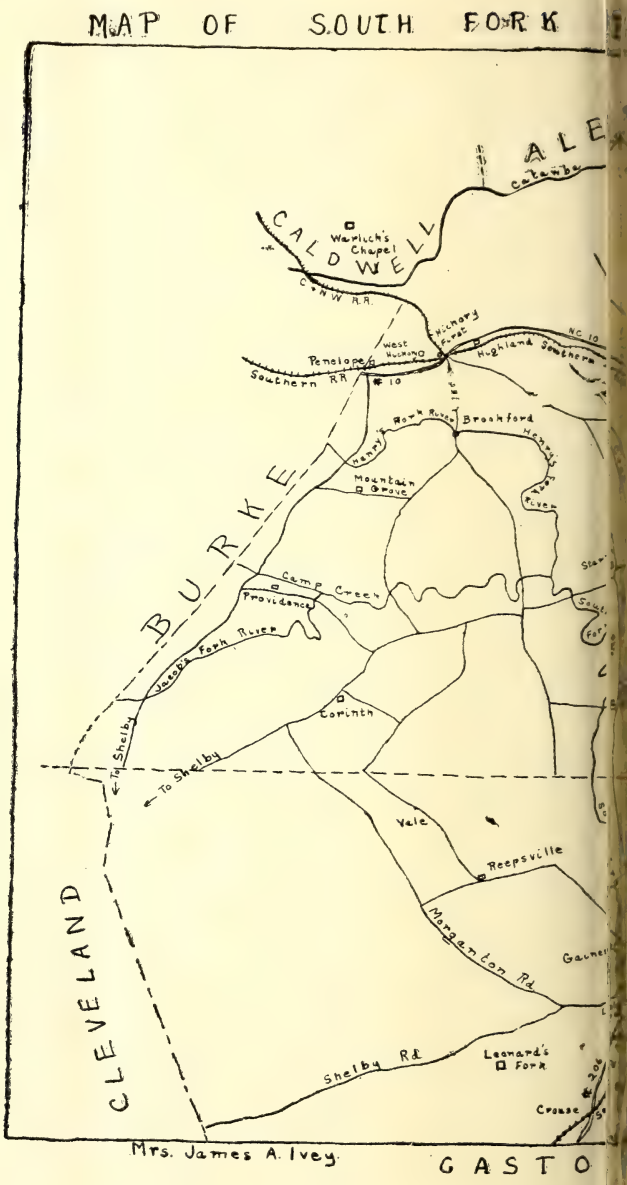
Restored to Church Building Loan Fund, $99,872.00.

Restored and deposited to Bottoms Fund, $50,000.00.

Balance on hand for other obligations, $92,416.63.

No new money borrowed since last September.

The Home Mission task was never more urgent and inviting. We were never better prepared to meet such task. We have the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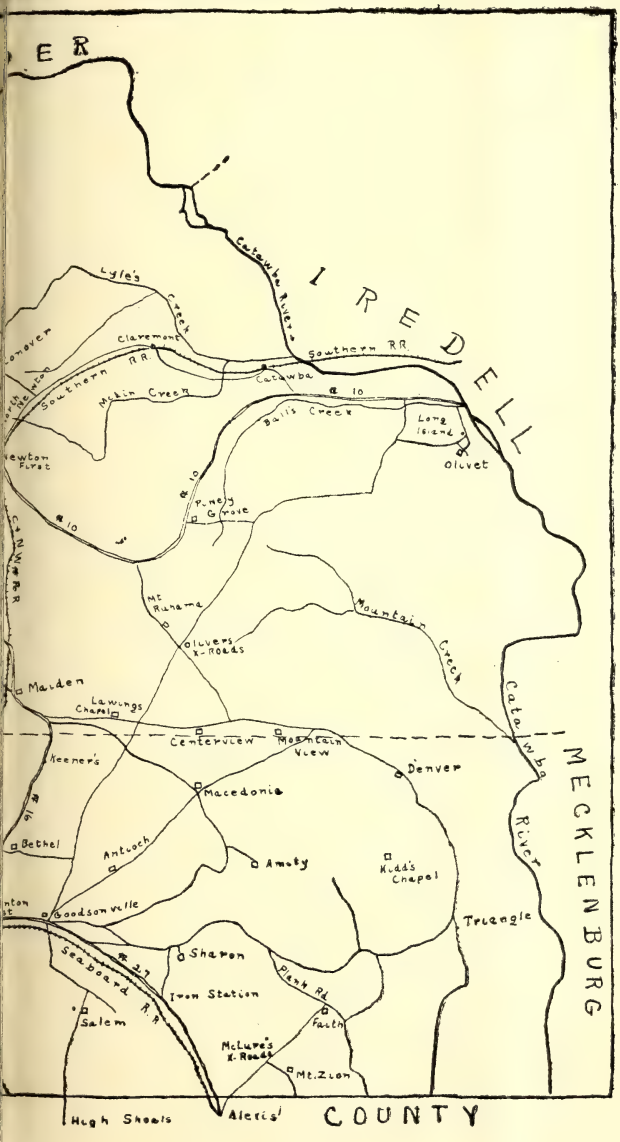

members. We have the financial ability. We have the message. May God lead us on in the Great work of Home Missions?

Respectfully submitted,

C. FRANK PITTMAN.

Dr. G. V. Tilley read the following on

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Divine program includes the world. God so loved the world that He gave his Son to die for it. Jesus gave a parting command to the early disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We Baptists claim the whole Bible as our authority and thus the world is our field. In justice to our people, it must be said that this part of our work makes a strong appeal to them when correctly presented.

We have endeavored to send the gospel to parts of Asia, Europe, Africa, South America, and the Southern section of our own continent.

At present we have 1,392 churches in these countries, 744 of which are self-supporting. In addition to these the Word is proclaimed at 3,206 out-stations.

Last year our Missionaries baptized 12,264 converts. The present membership totals 147,648. We have 960 houses of worship owned by the Board or the natives. There are 1,957 Sunday Schools, giving instruction to 76,738 pupils under our work. The churches above mentioned contributed for al purposes last year $574,-786.96.

The Missionaries on the field at present number 469. In addition to these there are 672 ordained and 1,517 un-ordained native workers. This record should be an inspiration to us. Our endeavors are being blessed. God is with us according to His promise.

The Cooperative Program receipts last year were $802,065.35, of which North Carolina contributed $87,382.05. The total income from all sources was $1,428,666.91.

Many of our Missionaries are in the home land, and not a few have resigned. Lack of funds is responsible for this. An alarming thing is that our financial receipts are becoming smaller each year. The Board has retrenched until it begins to look like a retreat. It is embarrassing.

A great debt is resting on the Board, but it is being handled with great wisdom. It is encouraging to find it decreasing each month. The light is dawning and some day we shall see the Foreign Mission Board free from debt. Ten per cent of the regular receipts, plus the special funds designated for the debt is used for this purpose. The debt at present is $783,526.57.

There is much to encourage us. God has given us His approval and we should press on. It is the greatest possible enterprise for us, world-wide in its sphere, eternal in its accomplishments. The welfare of man its goal, and with God as a partner. Surely

life is worth living.

Respectfully submitted,
G. V. TILLEY.

It was discussed by Dr. Tilley, and adopted.

Mrs. B. M. Smith read the following report. It was discussed by L. L. Hatfield, S. A. Stroup, J. L. Teague, P. H. Pernell, and adopted:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The cause of Ministerial Relief is being promoted by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Thomas J. Watts is the Executive Secretary.

The Relief and Annuity Board is the agency of the Convention through which the contributions of the churches are distributed to approximately 1,450 ministers, and widows and orphans of ministers.

During the past year relief benefits were paid to 1,333 persons including 150 orphan children who were indirectly aided, and Annuity benefits were paid to 110 ministers, widows and orphans. The current contributions of the churches were supplemented from the interest earnings on the Board's invested funds, and the total amount paid to beneficiaries was $162,705.06. This was the largest sum ever paid in any year by several thousands of dollars.

The contributions of the churches were less last year than the previous year by about $20,000.00. The steady decrease in the contributions of the churches is making it more and more difficult for the Board to add new names to its roll of relief beneficiaries, while at the same time the Annuity Fund cannot safely increase its liabilities without running the risk of reduced benefits. The obligations of Southern Baptists to their disabled and aged ministers cannot be properly met until our people come to think of this work in terms commensurate with its real size. And not until we as a denomination "lay by in store" a great fund to be invested and compounded against the day of need will we ever meet that need in any worthy manner."

The Reserve Annuity Plan will always yield larger and surer results than the Relief Plan, which merely distributes the fluctuating contributions of the churches and the interest earnings on endowments month by month as they come in. Compound interest reduces the capital cost of ministerial relief by from 54 to 65 per cent. Annuities for preachers, therefore, are not expensive when the reserve method of providing them has been followed.

We rejoice in the great success that has already come to the Relief and Annuity Board, yet the payment of $1,300,000.00 in benefits and the growth in its resources from $106,000.60 in 1919 to $3,028,000.00 in 1929 is only illustrative of what is possible for it to achieve, if only the Reserve Annuity Plan is pressed to its

logical conclusion. Let it be remembered that the accumulations of the Board are in the nature of the case to be found on the Annuity side of its work, since the earnings of the Relief Fund have to be used month by month in paying the beneficiaries. Increased endowment is being diligently sought for both the Relief and the Annuity Funds, and that with some measure of success. The resources of the Board must be much larger if our ministers and their families are to be more adequately cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. SMITH.

Mrs. J. T. McLean read the following:

REPORT FOR THE HOSPITAL

The growing demands and enlarged service rendered by our hospital in Winston-Salem have demonstrated the need of healing in the Christian program. Literally thousands have gone from every part of the state seeking deliverance from the bondage of deformity and disease and they have been received into the open hearts of our Home for the Sick. Hundreds of these could never have had proper care had they not gone to our hospital, because they had no money to pay for this service. But the hospital took them in, and scores of our boys and girls who were deformed and destined to be invalids for life were made well and strong. Many fathers and mothers now happily care for the family around the fireside who would have been in their graves had the hospital not heard their cry and took them in. Only Eternity will reveal the blessed results. Suffice it to say that in the six years of Christian ministry there have been 12,000 patients admitted to our institution. At least 5,000 of these have been charity or part pay patients.

The number of charity patients increases each year. Last year we cared for 345 free and 1,053 part pay patients, making a grand total of 1,380 who received help from our institution. Of this number 16 died and 1,364 returned home cured or improved. Could there be a more wonderful proof of the approval of the Great Physician than this record? If human suffering constitutes a call for Christian service; if a sick moneyless brother needs our sympathy and help; if human life is worth saving at all; then our hospital which saves thousands is a part of the program of our Lord and is worthy of our prayers and support.

This year has brought an even greater demand than ever before for free service. Not less than 1,500 will call on us during the year. If we help all these poor suffering Baptists, we will have to spend at least $50,000.00. Indications now are that we will not have more than $15,000.00 from Mother's Day offering and we will get about $10,000.00 from the Duke Fund. The problem is how shall we raise the other $25,000.00 necessary to care for these whom the churches send? The hospital cannot turn them away to die. Our churches would never stand for this. The institution would be untrue to its mission and the Great Physician if it did. But how can we take them if the churches fail to

furnish the funds? Our church are sending MORE patients and giving LESS money each year. Surely you must see that this course will soon wreck the purpose of the hospital and destroy all possibilities of helping the needy.

Many of the churches in this association never give a cent on Mother's Day to help in this work, and yet that is the only money the denomination gives to help care for the sick. The 4 per cent from the Co-operative Program goes to pay the bonds issued to pay the debt incurred in the building of the plant.

The Nurses Home has been built and paid for. The cost of this fine building and equipment was $47,500.00. The women of the state paid one half of this and the hospital took care of the rest by means of personal gifts solicited from friends, $5,000.00 donated by the Duke Foundation, and loans from the operating account. No church was asked to give a cent to this splendid addition to our equipment.

In conclusion, your committee would urge that we use every possible means to lay the hospital on the hearts of our people. Plead with them to pray for its success, to contribute to its charity work by a Mothers Day offering, and as far as possible influence those who are able to pay for their care to go to our own hospital that the funds they pay may help to care for the hospital and enlarge its opportunity for serving the hundreds who go without money or price.

We would further recommend that this association appoint a representative to promote the interest of our hospital among the churches and that the clerk be instructed to forward his name and address to Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. T. McLEAN.

The report was discussed by Mrs. McLean, and adopted.

After prayer by E. F. Hardin, the Association adjourned one hour for another good dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled. Song, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand." The devotional service was conducted by C. M. Robinson. Prayer by E. S. Whisnant.

By motion made by Dr. Tilley, Mrs. J. Thos. McLean was elected Associational Director for the Hospital.

By motion, it was ordered that the general facts about the work of the B. Y. P. U., and the W. M. U. and the Map of the Association be printed in the minutes.

On motion, another hat collection was taken to supplement the minute fund. The amount thus collected was $4.10.

J. L. Teague read the following report. It was discussed by J. L. Teague, and by the Superintendent, Mrs. O. Joe Howard, and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Time will permit us to mention only a few of the many phases of the fine work done by our Woman's Missionary organizations. Following are some which impress themselves upon us at this time.

First: The objective of the Woman's Missionary Union is threefold: (1) To stimulate a broader religious development among the women and girls of our denomination. (2) To collect and disseminate information tending to arouse interest in missionary activities. (3) To encourage earnest sympathetic cooperation of our women and children in contributing money for missions at home and abroad.

Second: During the past forty years, since the Woman's Missionary Union has been organized, there has been a phenominal growth in missionary activities and contributions, a large share of which must be attributed to the faithful earnest endeavors of our women.

Third: By their example and precept many have been induced to return to the study and practice of the Biblical plan of systematic proportionate giving to the support of the church and all its causes.

Fourth: By their study of missions, and regular definite seasons of prayer for specific missionary causes there has been called forth that beautiful compassionate spirit of womanhood, which is so like that of our Lord, and apportunity has been given for its finest development in fields of missionary endeavor reaching unto the very ends of the earth.

The Woman's work of this Association, led by Mrs. O. Joe Howard, as Superintendent, is doing a great work. Twenty-two of our churches have a W. M. S., five have Y. W. A., five have G. A., four have R. A., and nine have Sunbeam Bands. Considerable progress has been made during the last year in this field of work, but there are still several churches without any of these organizations. We urgently request that all our pastors cooperate with Mrs. Howard and her co-workers in planning the Woman's work in every church.

To the good women of the South Fork Association has been allotted the sum of $3,100 to be raised as their part of the Cooperative Program for the year 1929. They cheerfully accepted their allotment and are working faithfully to reach their goal. May every lover of the Lord "help those women."

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. TEAGUE.

L. R. Williams read the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

By temperance we mean more than total abstinence from intoxicating liquors. Being temperate in drink is only one phase of temperance, there are others that should be included, such as temperate habits, in fact temperate in all things.

Strong drinks have always been against the progress of Christianity, and has been a deadly foe to society. It causes men to forget God, and to commit horrible crimes. The drink habit is detrimental to the whole human race. Some of the results are quarrels and fighting, murder and vice, seduction and dishonor, idleness and vagrancy, disease and poverty, and many other things that drag men down to disgrace and ruin.

Christians should lead in the great movement of temperance. Total abstinence from all the forms of alcoholic drinks should be the motto of every Christian. We should not only be total abstainers from all alcoholic drinks, but it is our duty to see that the law is enforced. The issue now is law-enforcement, and Christian patriots everywhere should certainly give this their hearty support and co-operation.

To accomplish this, both the officers and the citizen must each do his part. The right use of the ballot will help at this point, and we urge our members to vote only for such officers as will enforce the law. We note that the sheriffs and prohibition agents are in many instances arresting the criminals as well as seizing the still. We are glad to note also that the courts are giving more adequate punishment for the violation of the prohibition laws, and that in most cases the violators are sent to the roads.

Your committee recommend that the pastors of our Association preach on prohibition, and that pastors and members take a firm stand against all forms of intemperance, and co-operate with our officers in locating and reporting those who use, make, and sell intoxicating drinks.

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. WILLIAMS.

The report was discussed by L. R. Williams, R. L. Abernethy, C. Frank Pittman, C. M. Robinson, E. S. Whisnant, E. F. Sullivan, L. L. Hatfield, and adopted.

L. R. Williams read the following report and this report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Since the last meeting of our Association, death has entered our homes and claimed 43 of our members, as follows:

LINCOLNTON FIRST—Mrs. Ollie May Stowe.

RIVER VIEW—Mrs. S. A. Rhodes, E. E. Terry, V. A. Harrell, Mrs. P. P. Poovey, and Mrs. J. L. Thornburg.

HICKORY FIRST—Pink Fisher, Frank Drum, Mrs. E. L. Hilton, J. L. Leach, and D. H. Ramsaur.

CATAWBA—Miss Lucile Pope.

WEST HICKORY—J. J. Isenhower (deacon).

PROVIDENCE—Miss Catherine Rhoney.

DENVER—Mrs. D. F. Keever.

MT. RUHAMA—M. E. Hewitt, J. Luther Campbell, and J. L. Stover.

MT. ZION—Bartlette Bradshaw.

SALEM—Andy Lewis.

PENELOPE—Mrs. Elizabeth Hildebran, Mrs. Rosa Miller, Mrs. Ida Yoder.

BROOKFORD—Mrs. Phelps.

EAST MAIDEN—Miss Sallie Williams.

CENTER VIEW—W. W. Laney, Mrs. Vinetta Abernathy.

LINCOLNTON AVENUE—Mrs. Ernest Hallman, and Mrs. Grace Hallman.

CORINTH—J. W. Smith, Mrs. M. E. Wrang, and R. P. Havner (deacon).

LEONARDS FORK—Mrs. Margaret Neal, and Mrs. Hattie Smith.

LAWINGS CHAPEL—Mrs. Rep Ballard, and Walter Beal

MT. GROVE—Mrs. Caroline Sharp.

MAIDEN—Mrs. Fannie Sigmon, Mrs. Richard Campbell, D. M. Sigmon (deacon).

WARLICK—Mrs. Jane Bivens.

HIGHLAND—A. W. Robinson, and W. S. Robinson.

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. WILLIAMS.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed the following committee to prepare Program for next session of South Fork Baptist Association: Claude Abernethy, M. I. Harris, and E. F. Sullivan.

SUBJECTS AND WRITERS

The Moderator appointed the following to write and discuss the reports for next session:

Biblical Recorder—R. M. Perry.
State Missions—M. I. Harris.
Foreign Missions—E. F. Hardin.
Orphanage—Carl L. Devine.
Sunday Schools—The Sunday School President.
B. Y. P. U.—The President of it.
Christian Education—R. G. Short.
Temperance—W. W. Morrow.
Ministerial Relief—Robt. H. Harrill.
Hospital—The Association Director.
Home Missions—G. V. Tilley.
Woman's Work—M. L. Buchanan.
Obituaries—H. A. Witherspoon.

By Motion, the Clerk was allowed $35.00 for his services.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

C. M. Robinson read the following:

Resolved, That this Association by a rising vote, give a feeble expression of our appreciation for the fine hospitality that has been enjoyed during this session. May the blessings of Almighty God be and abide upon this good church and its beloved pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. ROBINSON.

It was heartily adopted as read.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Warlick church on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1930, at 10:00 o'clock.

OSBORNE BROWN, *Moderator.*
J. F. CLICK, *Clerk.*

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	SUNDAYS OF MEETING	GAINS					LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revivals Held	Obs. Lord's Supper	Fam. Rec. S. Paper
		Members Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Antioch	Second and Fourth	37	9	5							51	Yes	1	1	
Bethel	Third Sunday	91	11	2			8				95	No	1	1	1
Brookford	Every Sunday	98	29	25	7	10	11	3	1	1	153	Yes	2	1	2
Catawba	First and Third	151	5	2						1	157	No	1	1	3
Center View	First and Third	120	7				1			2	124	Yes:	1	2	0
Corinth	Fourth Sunday	121	7	10	1		3			4	132	No	1	1	2
Denver	Fourth Sunday	22		2					4	1	19	No	1	0	0
East Maiden	First and Third	114	11	14	1		3			1	136	Yes	2	3	5
Faith	Second Sunday	41	1	2						1	43	No	1	1	0
Gainsville	Second and Fourth	214	18	2			6			1	227	Yes	1	1	0
Goodsonville	Every Sunday	127	5	22	3		13				144	Yes	2	4	3
Hickory First	Every Sunday	703	12	40			18	5	2	5	725	Yes	1	4	75
Highland	Every Sunday	364	16	19	1		18	10		2	370	Yes	2	4	00
Lawings Chapel	Second Sunday	129	5	13	1		6			2	140	Yes	1	2	1
Leonards Fork	Second and Fourth	83	1				2				82	Yes	1	1	0
Lincolnton First	Every Sunday	309	22	20		1	43	3		1	305	Yes	1	4	42
Lincolnton Avenue	Every Sunday	214	11	10			15			2	218	Yes	2	1	00
Macedonia	First and Third	210	10	3			8				205	No	1	2	2
Maiden	Every Sunday	348	5	16	1	1	8			3	360	Yes	1	2	10
Mountain Grove	Second and Fourth	99	13	3	1					1	115	No	1	1	2
Mount Ruhama	First Sunday	254	5	3		1	3		2	1	255	No	1	2	0
Mountain View	Fourth Sunday	129		2							131	No	1	2	0
Mount Zion	Third Sunday	133	1	1		1	5	1	1	1	128	No	1	2	2
Newton	Every Sunday	248		4				5			247	Yes	0	4	00
North Newton	Second and Fourth	74		7			2				79	Yes	2	2	2
Olivet	Second and Fourth	163	28	4			4				191	No	1	2	5
Penelope	Every Sunday	242	4	17	2		28			3	241	Yes	2	3	0
Piney Grove	Second Sunday	40	1								41	No	1	0	0
Providence	Second and Fourth	83		1			4			1	79	No	1	0	0
Reepsville	Every Sunday	97	6				5	1		1	96	Yes	1	0	2
River View	Second and Fourth	135	4	3	1		4	2		5	132	Yes	1	4	4
Salem	Second and Fourth	67	12	8	3		5			1	84	No	1	1	0
Sharon	First and Third	68	10	2			2				78	No	1	2	3
South Side	Second and Fourth	99	5				4				100	Yes	1	3	00
Warlick	Second Sunday	85	6	5						1	95	No	2	1	00
West Hickory	Every Sunday	224	6	6			9			1	236	Yes	2	2	00
TOTAL		5826	286	273	22	14	238	30	10	43	6014		44	66	166

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Offices	Officers and Teachers.	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Yrs. Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Yrs.	Home Dept.	Total Enrollment	What is Your Av. Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A—1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions, Orphanage, etc.	Have you a Mission S. S.?	Enrollment of Mission S. S.	Hold Daily Va. Bible School?	Enrollment Daily Vacation School	Av. At. Daily Vacation School
Bethel	R. A. Long — Lincolnton	6									50	30	No		6	10	$ 16.00	$					
Brookford	W. R. Lowman — Brookford	18	19	25	54	30	28	47	12		233	172	Yes	No	6	16	228.77	49.55	No	No	No		
Catawba	C. W. Ervin — Catawba	12	11	6	20	15	19	22			114	65	Yes	No	4	5	97.00	73.75	No	No	No		
Center View	Grady Laney — Maiden	13	18	12	11	15	48	29			146	100	Yes	No	5	7	46.39	33.17	No	No	No		
Corinth	C. C. Propst — Hickory, R-1	10	12	8	21	12	3	38			105	61	Yes	No	2	5	35.17	28.74	No	No	No		
East Maiden	E. H. Williams — Maiden	24	20	19	25	27	35	40	6	4	180	150	Yes	Yes	13	11	273.25	85.00	No	No	No		
Faith	Louise Hilderman — Alexis	3									15	12							No	No			
Gainsville	C. C. Houser — Crouse	9	33	24	38	19	23				137					5			No	No			
Goodsonville	I. A. Hallman — Lincolnton	14	46	10	40	31	43	36			220	101	Yes	No	5	3	164.36	63.34	No	No			
Hickory First	T. P. Pruitt — Hickory	96	67	106	105	76	68	185	74	25	802	435	Yes	Yes	75	10	645.54	1,051.28	Yes	36	No		
Highland	S. C. Duncan — Hickory	52	46	66	70	68	70	114	57	29	520	205	Yes	Yes	30	12	378.50	221.50	Yes	30	Yes	84	70
Lawing Chapel	J. M. Fisk — Lincolnton, R-4	14	19	12	28	23	18	33	27		160	71	Yes	No		5		24.69					
Leonards Fork	Mrs. John Hoover — Crouse	6	6			6	2	12			26	15	No.	No	6	1		9.00	No				
Lincolnton First	R. H. Harrill — Lincolnton	36	18	38	47	28	12	58	37	10	284	148	Yes	Yes	17	19			No		Yes	70	56
Lincolnton Ave.	J. T. Wise — Lincolnton	22	26	29	23	37	33	40	25		235	121	Yes	Yes	20	11	171.28	16.93	No		No		
Macedonia	W. A. Potts — Lincolnton, R-3	10									70	60				9							
Maiden	T. H. Caldwell — Maiden	21	29	54	63	37	52	97	25		357	237	Yes	No	15	2	299.72	128.80	No		No		
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckard — Hickory, R-1	11	12	12	21	14	14	33			105	54	Yes	No	3	13	89.60	51.13	No				
Mt. Ruhama	Lee Campbell — Newton, R-2	14	20	21	24	29	32	49	10		199	150	Yes	No	1	3			Yes	200			
Mtn. View	W. W. Moose — Maiden, R-1	9									98						287.47						
Mt. Zion	M. J. Hager — Alexis	8	5	3	8	11	11	12			58	45	No	No	8	1	25.25	71.00	No				
Newton	G. C. Hewitt — Newton	26	33	65	30	32	92	42	34		354	200	Yes	No			317.30	200.00					
North Newton	C. J. Stewart — Newton	13	14	17	18	18	50	30			160								No				
Olivet	Osborne Brown — Long Island	21	17	30	43	47	37	39	15		232	115	Yes	Yes	12	28	90.71	47.33	No	No			
Penelope	L. F. Yoder — Hickory	27	26	58	60	36	14	81	25		304	175	Yes	No	14	10		74.05	No				
Providence	M. S. Brittain — Vale, R-1	18	11	13	28	20	16	44	14	6	172	60	Yes	No	15			8.00	No	No			
Reepsville	M. Sronce — Vale	11	12	10	16	16	12	22			101	80	No										
River View	J. H. Faircloth — Lincolnton, R-5	10	40	18	18	22	20	78			196	140	Yes	No	2	3	185.91	89.36					
Salem	P. S. Helms — Lincolnton, R-6	9	14	13	6	26		16			75	48	No	No	4	10		2.78	No				
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy — Iron Station	5		6	6	12	16	10			50	40	Yes	No		9	12.23		No	No			
South Side	E. L. Carpenter — Lincolnton, R-6	12	33	10	39	24	29	39	4	2	192	126	Yes	No	5	3	253.86	45.50	No				
Warlicks	P. S. Berry — Icard	10	12	15	18	13	22	32	5		117	62	Yes	No		6		26.15	No	No			
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz — West Hickory	25	38	28	36	43	60	6			269	175	Yes	No	8	6	541.06		No	No			
TOTALS		595	667	728	827	787	932	833	380	76	6236	3464			276	223	$3,759.33	$1,251.98		266		154	120

(NOTE—Three churches did not report.)

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, ETC.

CHURCHES	When Organized	PASTOR	Value of Church Property	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE
Antioch	1922	M. P. Rhyne	$ 1,500.00	Mrs. C. C. Devine, Lincolnton
Bethel	1895	J. B. Payne	1,100.00	W. C. Mullen, Lincolnton
Brookford	1910	W. C. Laney	20,000.00	W. R. Lowman, Brookford
Catawba	1874	R. Lee Davis	5,300.00	C. W. Ervin, Catawba
Center View	1915	L. A. McClure	3,000.00	J. F. Hovis, Lincolnton
Corinth	1885	W. E. Bost	2,000.00	Elma Stallings, R-4, Vale
Denver	1814	C. M. Robinson	1,500.00	Dr. H. N. Abernethy, Charlotte
East Maiden	1927	L. R. Williams	4,000.00	E. H. Williams, Maiden
Faith	1905	H. B. Jones	1,200.00	B. C. Ballard, Iron Station
Gainsville	1923	L. A. Bangle	2,500.00	C. C. Houser, Crouse
Goodsonville	1922	H. B. Jones	4,200.00	J. P. Williams, R-3, Lincolnton
Hickory, First	1870	C. F. Pittman	125,000.00	E. L. Fox, Hickory
Highland	1912	E. F. Sullivan	30,000.00	O. T. Rockett, Hickory
Lawings Chapel	1908	L. A. McClure	2,000.00	H. R. Wilkinson, Lincolnton
Leonards Fork	1883	W. A. Hoffman	1,000.00	J. W. Hoover, Crouse
Lincolnton First	1859	E. F. Harding	80,000.00	E. T. Child's, Jr., Lincolnton
Lincolnton Avenue	1910	W. W. Marr	10,000.00	W. K. Stover, Lincolnton
Macedonia	1832	T. H. Roach	10,000.00	S. L. Bolinger, Lincolnton
Maiden	1891	M. L. Buchanan	10,000.00	T. H. Caldwell, Maiden
Mountain Grove	1881	J. L. Teague	2,000.00	G. F. Huffman, R-1, Hickory
Mount Ruhama	1816	L. A. McClure	5,550.00	Geo. W. Caldwell, R-2, Newton
Mountain View	1893	L. A. McClure	2,500.00	M. O. Gilleland, R-1, Maiden
Mount Zion	1869	T. H. Roach	2,100.00	M. J. Hager, Alexis
Newton First	1881	G. V. Tilley	64,000.00	Miss Rose Moose, Newton
North Newton	1921	S. A. Stroup	3,800.00	J. T. Whisnant, Newton
Olivet	1837	C. M. Robinson	2,000.00	F. V. Tilley, Long Island
Penelope	1888	M. I. Harris	10,000.00	C. C. Kees, Hickory
Piney Grove	1904	C. M. Robinson	500.00	Lee Setzer, R-2, Newton
Providence	1878	J. J. Waldrop	2,500.00	R. L. Asherbranner, R-4, Vale
Reepsville	1878	Carl L. Devine	1,000.00	Marvin Sronce, Vale
River View	1899	T. H. Roach	7,000.00	P. L. Coffey, R-6, Lincolnton
Salem	1849	J. B. Payne	500.00	Clarence Helms, R-6, Lincolnton
Sharon	1884	W. W. Abernethy	600.00	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station
South Side	1925	L. R. Williams	4,000.00	Miss Alice Huss, R-6, Lincolnton
Warlick's	1875	C. A. Abernethy	1,500.00	E. T. Berry, Icard
West Hickory	1907	R. G. Short	14,000.00	W. S. Abernethy, Hickory
			$426,850.00	

FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. B. Y. P. U. W. M. S.	Help Given Local Poor	For Printing Minutes and Clerk of Assn	Other Objects	Total for Support Local Church Work
Antioch	$ 51 16	$	$ 23 00	$	$	$ 16 00	$	$ 1 00		$ 75 16
Bethel	90 00		35 96							137 96
Brookford	1 142 85		124 63	1 217 60	97 75	137 83		4 39	46 75	2 771 80
Catawba	319 00		184 00	60 00	70 78	108 55	20 00	3 00		665 33
Center View	214 25		35 00	500 00	42 70	2 00		1 40	264 35	857 72
Corinth	200 00		43 00	25 00	32 00	54 92		3 00	156 50	514 42
Denver	61 85				10 00			1 00		72 85
East Maiden	480 00		80 00	205 70	25 00	90 00	8 00	3 50	22 50	986 70
Faith	50 00		67 00			3 00				120 00
Gainsville	300 00			100 00	50 00	40 00		2 00	5 00	497 00
Goodsonville	960 00		78 65	245 80	88 27	85 29		3 00	54 31	1 515 32
Hickory First	2 775 00	420 00	516 30	3 206 10	1 744 10	731 84	32 42	25 00		4 450 76
Highland	2 500 00		116 50	1 121 65	519 65	222 95	8 00	5 00	956 76	5 450 51
Lawing Chapel	179 71		22 40	91 50	14 15	55 75		1 35	22 70	447 50
Leonards Fork	189 25					11 10		1 00		201 35
Licolnton First	2 500 00	220 00	350 65	3 613 97	535 27	411 50		5 00	714 92	8 351 31
Lincolnton Avenue	715 00		14 00	19 30	134 01	127 95			72 61	1 082 87
Macedonia	292 30		43 00	30 00	30 61	5 30		1 05	10 39	402 65
Maiden	1 403 50		102 15	798 25	71 15		16 10	3 35		2 394 41
Mountain Grove	420 00		55 00	10 50	106 00	47 88		2 50		641 88
Mount Ruhama	400 00		45 00		9 27	33 07	7 00	5 00	125 00	634 34
Mountain View	225 00					21 59	1 84	2 00		289 47
Mount Zion	250 00		33 17	80 00	9 00	25 25	30 00	2 00	6 01	432 42
Newton	1 800 00			1 507 13	517 28	112 48		5 00	204 82	2 965 71
North Newton	390 00		65 00	333 00	45 33	64 77	2 50	3 00		838 60
Olivet	900 00		156 92	25 00	60 80	223 22	10 00	4 00	18 00	1 407 71
Penelope	1 300 00		185 21	576 08		113 18	23 25	3 00	103 00	2 303 47
Piney Grove	80 00		20 00			8 53			6 85	115 38
Providence	227 00	51 55		450 00	2 00	34 17		2 00		766 72
Reepsville	85 00		26 00	5 00				1 50		117 50
River View	1 200 00		50 00		341 66	50 18	155 75	3 00	9 03	1 809 62
Salem	185 74		28 65			22 00		1 00		246 39
Sharon	100 00					12 23	4 00	1 00		115 23
South Side	301 82		25 85	675 05	16 50	70 15	10 00	2 40	15 00	1 116 77
Warlicks	346 46	30 00		150 00	24 00	18 00	65 00	5 00	10 00	646 46
West Hickory	1 500 00		84 00	1 042 66	106 11	117 41		5 00	366 11	3 301 29
	$23 034 89	$ 721 55	$ 2 610 81	$16 072 29	$ 4 703 39	$ 3 078 09	$ 393 77	$ 111 44	$ 3 211 61	$52 937 84

NOTE:—In First Church, Hickory, total for Support of Local Church Work should read $9,450.76 instead of $4,450.76.

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND BENEVOLENCES

CHURCHES	Gifts to Co-Operative Program	Gifts to Special Objects	S. S. Gifts to Cooperative Program	S. S. Gifts to Special Objects	W. M. U. Cooperative Program	W. M. U. Gifts to Special Objects	TOTAL ALL OBJECTS	Tithers	Pledged to Co-Operative Program Next Year
Bethel	$	$ 50 78	$	$ 49 55	$	$ 34 27	$ 134 60	12	$
Catawba		174 17		73 75	4 50	18 00	270 42	7	
Center View		40 93					40 93		
Corinth	14 05			28 74			42 79		
East Maiden	40 00	15 00	10 00	105 63	15 00	25 00	210 63	8	60 00
Faith	3 50						3 50		
Gainsville		7 23					7 23		
Goodsonville	41 00	20 00		71 56	5 16		137 72	6	125 00
Hickory First	3 575 45	286 85		1 051 28	185 85		5 099 43	100	Later
Highland	372 97				350 55	105 50	829 02		1 100 00
Lawing Chapel	12 80	12 60		24 69	10 05		60 14		
Leonards Fork				9 00			9 00		
Lincolnton First	532 48	277 77					810 25	12	720 75
Lincolnton Ave.	125 01			16 93		31 95	173 89	46	250 00
Macedonia		11 60		7 61			19 21		
Maiden		114 54		128 88		109 74	353 16	25	
Mtn. Grove	41 58	50 62		51 13	14 50		157 83		
Mt. Ruhama	35 54						35 54		
Mtn. View	15 84						15 84		
Mt. Zion		77 98		50 00			127 98		
Newton	50 00	31 00		200 00	20 00	80 00	381 00		
Olivet	268 52	413 20		138 04	11 40		831 16		
Penelope		196 11				193 00	289 11		
Piney Grove	8 35			4 75			13 10		
Providence	52 00	30 95		8 00			90 95		
Reepsville				9 00			9 00		
River View		20 80		84 50		80 64	185 94		
Salem		30 00		2 78			32 78		
Sharon	32 38			12 23			44 61		
South Side	10 00	9 25		45 50		47 00	111 75		
Warlicks	15 15						15 15		
West Hickory				6 00	5 10	17 75	28 82	21	2 255 75
TOTALS	$ 5 246 62	$ 1 871 38	$ 10 00	$ 1 179 55	$ 622 11	$ 632 85	$ 9 562 51	237	$ 2 255 75

(NOTE—Four Churches did not report anything.)

Program of South Fork Association

THURSDAY MORNING

9:30 A. M. ..... Sermon
10:15 A. M. ..... Organization and Recognition of Visitors
10:30 A. M. ..... Biblical Recorder
10:55 A. M. ..... Orphanage
11:25 A. M. ..... B. Y. P. U.
11:55 A. M. ..... Hospital
12:15 A. M. ..... Adjournment

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:25 P. M. ..... Devotional
1:40 P. M. ..... State Missions
2:10 P. M. ..... Home Missions
2:40 P. M. ..... Foreign Missions
3:10 P. M. ..... Report of Executive Committee
3:30 P. M. ..... Miscellaneous
3:40 P. M. ..... Adjournment

FRIDAY MORNING

9:15 A. M. ..... Devotional
9:30 A. M. ..... Miscellaneous
9:45 A. M. ..... Sunday School
10:15 A. M. ..... Christian Education and Centennial
11:00 A. M. ..... Digest of Church Letters
11:30 A. M. ..... Woman's Work
12:00 A. M. ..... Adjournment

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:10 P. M. ..... Devotional
1:25 P. M. ..... Two Minute Report fro Each Church
1:55 P. M. ..... Ministerial Relief
2:15 P. M. ..... Temperance
2:35 P. M. ..... Obituaries
2:55 P. M. ..... Miscellaneous
3:10 P. M. ..... Adjournment

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

OFFICERS AND PASTORS

L. L. HATFIELD, Moderator ..... Hickory, N. C.
E. F. SULLIVAN, Vice-Moderator ..... Hickory, N. C.
R. H. HARRILL, Clerk ..... Lincolnton, N. C.
J. YATES KILLIAN, Treasurer ..... Newton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TERM EXPIRES 1931	TERM EXPIRES 1932	TERM EXPIRES 1933
R. A. Self, Hickory	J. Y. Killian, Newton	R. M. Perry, Hickory
W. W. Ervin, Catawba	R. H. Harrill, Lincolnton	C. S. Echerd, Hickory

PASTORS

C. A. Abernethy ..... Icard
L. A. Bangle ..... Lincolnton
W. E. Bost ..... Valdese
M. L. Buchanan ..... Maiden
A. L. Campbell ..... Gastonia
E. F. Hardin ..... Lincolnton
M. I. Harris ..... Hickory
W. A. Hoffman ..... Gastonia
H. B. Jones ..... Lincolnton
W. C. Laney ..... Brookford
L. A. McClure ..... Alexis
W. W. Marr ..... Lincolnton
J. B. Paine ..... Boiling Springs
C. Frank Pittman ..... Hickory
M. P. Rhyne ..... Dallas
T. H. Roach ..... Lincolnton
C. M. Robinson ..... Catawba
R. G. Short ..... Hickory
J. L. Street ..... Caesar
S. A. Stroup ..... Claremont
S. M. Stroup ..... Alexis
E. F. Sullivan ..... Hickory
J. L. Teague ..... Hickory
G. V. Tilley ..... Newton
L. R. Williams ..... Maiden

NOT PASTORS

P. W. Bangle ..... Lincolnton
E. Brown ..... Spencer Mtn.
C. L. Devine ..... Lincolnton
Vance Heavner ..... Hickory
G. P. Lanier ..... Maiden
W. B. McClure ..... Alexis
P. H. Pernell ..... Lincolnton
G. P. Young ..... Hickory

Associational Directory

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G. S. Whisnant, Superintendent Maiden District ..... Maiden, N. C.
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Superintendent Lincolnton District ..... Crouse, N. C.
H. R. Wilkinson, Supt. East Lincolnton Dist. ..... R13, Lincolnton, N. C.
R. H. Harrill, Secretary-Treasurer ..... Lincolnton, N. C.

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Miss Myrtle Campbell, Y. W. A. Director ..... Hickory, N. C.

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Miss Fay Phillips, Pianist ..... Hickory, N. C.
M. C. Laney, Chorister ..... Maiden, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved of the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable homes of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by their respective churches and pastors who have churches within our own bounds, each church being entitled to two delegates and one for every fifty members, no church having more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be elected annually as the Association shall determine.

5. The Executive Committee shall consist of six members, two from each section of the Association and the Moderator by virtue of his office. One from each section of the Association to serve one year, one from each section for two years, one from each section for three years. All persons elected after this session shall serve for three years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of each session a Committee of three to nominate the members of the Executive Committee to be elected. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions, and report annually to the Association.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at 10:00 A. M. The annual sermon to be preached immediately upon the assembly of the Asscciation.

8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee at each session of the Association of two members to prepare a program for the succeeding session, and that the same be incorporated in the minutes; and that the pastor of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be included in the program committee, making the committee consist of three.

BY-LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hours for business shall be: Meet at 9:00 A. M., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Kelfoots Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

(1930 SESSION)

Antioch	None Reported
Bethel	None Reported
Brookford	Mrs. Katie Miller, Miss Dora Bright, Miss Zelda Huffman, G. C. Elders, Miss Wilma Wallace.
Catawba	H. A. Witherspoon, Mrs. H. A. Witherspoon, R. H. Brown, Mrs. C. B. Wilse, Neil Wilse, Miss Susie Danner.
Centerview	L. R. Caldwell, W. M. Turbyfill, M. C. Laney, M. H. Laney, Amit Turbyfill.
Corinth	C. C. Propst, R. W. Abernethy, G. S. Propst, G. W Hood, Pink Baker, Elma Stallings, Velma Stallings.
Denver	None Reported
Faith	None Reported
Gainsville	C. C. Houser, Wm. Eagle, T. C. Cunningham, Lonzo Chapman.
Goodsonville	B. M. Smith, Clyde Devine, Mrs. Clyde Devine, H. R. Wilkinson, D. L. Blalock.
Hickory First	Mrs. B. K. Dellinger, C. W. Ellington, N. P. Whitesides, Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Mrs. Jno. Miller.
West Hickory	Joe Gabbord, A. D. Loudermilk, W. A. Lutz, Minnie McKimzie, W. S. Abernethy, Mrs. W. S. Abernethy.
Highland	A. E. Croom, R. A. Self, E. M. Childress, Mrs. L. R. Rogers.
Lawing's Chapel	Lewis Keener, G. S. Caldwell, Mrs. G. S. Caldwell.
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover, Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Mrs. L. N. Heavner.
Lincolnton Ave	E. M. Hallman, D. H. Tucker, L. P. Mull, W. K. Stover.
Lincolnton First	Mrs. T. V. Lineberger, Mrs. J. T. McLean, Mrs. S. D. Honeycutt, Miss Pauline Cornwell, Miss Essie Lawing.
Macedonia	N. P. Williams, W. A. Potts, C. L. Reel, W. H. Harris, Mrs. W. H. Harris.
East Maiden	Ed. Williams, V. S. Turbyfill, G. S. Whisnant, H. M. Sides.
Maiden First	T. H. Caldwell, Mrs. T. H. Caldwell, Will Williams, S. S. Williams, Mrs. S. S. Williams, Sid Williams, Mrs. Sid Williams.
Mount Ruhama	G. W. Caldwell, W. M. Caldwell, Lee Campbell, Rans Campbell, S. M. Abernethy.
Mount Zion	P. L. Sigmon, L. H. Helderman, G. E. Hovis, E. A. Sadter.
Mountain Grove	C. S. Eckard, G. F. Huffman, A. M. Huffman, Mrs. A. M. Huffman.
Mountain View	W. W. Moore, M. O. Gilleland, L. G. Gilleland.
Newton First	A. L. Ervin, J. W. Hollingsworth, R. W. Drum, Mrs. C. F. Little, Mrs. C. P. Coulter.
North Newton	J. H. Setzer, J. H. Stewart, Mrs. S. A. Stroupe, B. M. Burke, C. J. Stewart.
Olivet	L. A. White, W. W. Ervin, L. C. Poston, W. H. Robbins, J. C. Saunders.

Penelope	W. C. A. Throneburg, J. S. Hildebran, Bonnie Hildebran, Mrs. W. A. Cook, Mrs. G. M. Turner, Delsa Sneed, W. T. Phillips
Piney Grove	Ed. Caldwell, J. P. Abernethy, S. A. Setzer.
Providence	G. P. Young, Ted Richie, Kate Richie.
Reepsville	McKinley Sronce, Mrs. McKinley Sronce, Charlie Sronce, Mrs. Charlie Sronce, A. L. Clark.
Riverview	S. T. Reep, G. W. Punch, E. L. Johnson.
Salem	F. D. Helms, Zeb McGinnis, A. C. Lewis, Ralph Garrison, Mrs. A. C. Lewis.
Sharon	Miss Jessie Dellinger, Miss Edna Lineberger, Vernon Lineberger.
Southside	P. C. Whitesides, U. M. Baker.
Startown	Mrs. G. W. Wilson, Mrs. J. L. Botts.
Warlick	A. L. Brakefield, Mrs. A. L. Brakefield, R. G. Icard, Carol Berry, L. Berry.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY, OCTOBER 2, 1930, 10:00 A. M.

The South Fork Baptist Association convened at 10:00 A. M., October 2, 1930, in its fifty-second annual session with Warlick's Baptist Church, Burke County.

Vice-Moderator E. F. Sullivan called the Association to order. After singing of hymn followed by prayer, roll of churches is called and every church within bounds of the Association is either represented by messengers or by letter. Messengers to this Associational meeting are listed under list of messengers.

The Association proceeds with the election of its officers and the following are duly nominated and elected:

L. L. Hatfield ..... Moderator.
E. F. Sullivan ..... Vice-Moderator.
J. Y. Killian ..... Treasurer.

L. L. Hatfield as Moderator assumes chair and appoints C. M. Robinson, T. H. Roach, J. L. Teague, G. V. Tilley and G. S. Whisnant as committee to nominate Clerk to this Association. Committee after deliberation reports and nominates R. H. Harrill, as Clerk. Mr. Harrill is duly elected. Motion is offered with second and unanimous vote that Moderator shall appoint committee to draft resolution of appreciation of services rendered this Association by retiring Moderator Osborne Brown and Clerk J. F. Click.

Report on Biblical Recorder was presented, Robt. M. Perry reading the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder was first printed by Thomas Meredith ninety years ago. It is published in the interest of our Baptist work, and if we could get it in the homes of our people they would become better acquainted with our program, our accomplishments and realize the task before them. A great Essayist says, "Reading maketh a full man, conversation a ready man and writing an exact man." Reading spurs thought and one's thinking determines life's activities; for "As one thinketh in his heart, so is he."

The Recorder seeks to give weekly a summary of our activities, local and general. It seeks to give the achievements of our schools, our churches, our Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, and laymen's work. It presents letters from our missionaries at home and abroad that we may know what is being accomplished through our contributions.

There is an overabundance of harmful literature, which seriously affects the life and morals of our people. Papers like the Biblical Recorder serve to counteract the evil influence of literature of the trashy and poisonous kind, by placing in the home, reading matter that is wholesome, uplifting and worthwhile. The Recorder seeks to aid at

this particular point. It will give our people a taste for pure literature and inspire nobility of character. It creates in a great way a new interest in the work of our local church and of the denomination.

Do you know there are over 600,000 white Baptist homes in the south into which no Baptist paper or other religious paper goes? At the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention a suggestion was approved that an effort be made to put a Baptist paper in every home. And the gratifying things about the whole matter is the paper is easily within reach of every home, costing as it does, not over four cents a week. It represents a bargain from which every member of the family may be benefited.

The Biblical Recorder has something like sixteen thousand subscribers but this is pitiably small for a constituency of nearly four hundred thousand. It seems the only solution of the denominational paper lies in each local church congregation putting the paper into its budget, or taking other definite means for placing the paper in the homes. Our last State Convention by resolution commends the budget plan to the Biblical Recorder, and the churches. The Biblical Recorder accepted the recommendation, and is seeking to increase its circulation by presenting the plan to our churches for their adoption. It is already bringing good results in the churches trying it, and when our church adopts a plan to send the Recorder into the homes of our people, a new day will surely dawn for all our Baptist affairs, and Kingdom causes.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBT. M. PERRY.

On motion to adopt, W. R. Beach, Recorder Representative, was recognized and spoke to the Association, he stressing the need of every Baptist home for this publication to inform, educate and inspire Baptist people in the Baptist program, educational and benevolent institutions. Rev. C. M. Robinson also commented on the report and then report was adopted by the Association.

On motion to adopt, W. R. Beach, Recorder Representative, was recognized and welcomed: Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, Supt. Baptist Hospital; W. R. Beach, Biblical Recorder Representative; James A. Ivey, State B. Y. P. U. Secretary; Miss Winnie Rickett, State Junior and Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Leader. Visitors were recognized and welcomed as follows: Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Bennett, Caldwell Association; Mrs. W. P. Whitener, Caldwell Association; Rev. R. D. Carroll, Caldwell Association; L. A. Powell, Caldwell Association; Waldo D. Early, Caldwell Association; Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, Catawba River Association; Miss Lucile Welch, Gaston Association; Miss Annie Drum, First Church, Richmond; and Rev. L. P. Smith, Pilot Mountain Association.

The hour having arrived for the Annual Sermon, Dr. C. Frank Pittman, Pastor Hickory First Church, reads one to 19 verses of 1st Chapter of John as Scripture Lesson and preached the sermon, using "The Unchanging Christ" as a subject with Hebrews 13:8 as a text. Dr. Pittman delivered a timely, forceful and inspiring message.

Two new Pastors to the Association were recognized and welcomed, namely: S. M. Stroup, pastor Sharon Church, and A. L. Campbell, pastor Reepsville Church.

In absence of Carl L. Devine, appointed writer on Mills Home, Mrs. Carl L. Devine read the following:

REPORT ON MILLS HOME

At the meeting of the Convention in Raleigh in 1884, the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage Association was organized and the orphanage opened its doors soon thereafter at Thomasville, with John H. Mills as Superintendent.

The institution has been operated under a charter which has been amended five times. The last one recommended by the 1928 session of the Convention, changed the name from the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage to The Mills Home. The change in name was made in honor of John H. Mills, the founder and first General Manager.

On November 11, 1885, the first child was received. The last one enrolled, October 1, 1929 runs the number up to 2,770.. For nine years Mother's Aid work has been in operation. Miss Hattie Edwards has been in charge of this work for seven years. We are now aiding in their homes 300 children with 70 mothers. These added to the number now present in the orphanage makes 916 children in care of North Carolina Baptists. So during the 45 years of our history, counting Mother's Aid and all, we have helped 3,544 children.

Perhaps no other Orphanage in all the world is so bound up with the Sunday School as ours. Almost from the beginning their chief support has come from the once-a-month offerings from the Sunday Schools. In more recent years the Thanksgiving offering has been of great help. By these two methods, North Carolina Baptists gave last year $147,022.27 for the support of our Orphanage work. Out of more than 2,200 Sunday Schools less than 600 contribute at all regularly.

We sincerely hope that every Sunday School in this Association will give one Sunday's offering in each month to the Orphanage; that every Church will make a great offering on Thanksgiving for this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. DEVINE.

Discussion on this report and adoption held open pending arrival of representative of Mills Home.

Report on North Carolina Baptist Hospital was presented and read by Mrs. J. Thos. McLean, Sr., Associational Hospital Director:

REPORT ON N. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL

With gratitude to our Lord, the great Physician, we bring you the seventh annual report on the North Carolina Baptist Hospital. In every respect this has been our best year. The report for the year 1929 shows 2725 patients, 591 of whom were full charity and 1,009 part pay. Hundreds of these would have died if the Baptist Hospital failed to provide Hospital care for them. Only eternity can tell the number of lives saved, homes preserved from the ravages of death and disso-

lution, and children from the tragedy of orphans life.

We have had many of our ministers or members of their families, missionaries, students from our schools and scores of children, who came to us bound by deformities and crippled by disease. All of these except a very small percentage, we have sent back happy and well.

Was all this worth while? Is good health and opportunity to live and succeed worth while? Is saving the life of our good brothers and sisters and sending them back to their families, their state and their God capable of greater service worth while? Is making men, women and children well worth while? Verily our Lord thought so.

We need equipment. The growth of the institution, the march of medical science, the ravages of age, all challenge us to put the new and needed equipment in to keep step with progress. We must do it or lose our reputation. But the question is how can we meet this overwhelming demand for charity that takes every dollar we can raise and keep the hospital up-to-date?

Last year we spent $45500.00 for charity, and received from the denomination on Mother's Day $15,500.00 and from the Duke Foundation $8,750.00. A few small donations supplemented these offerings, but over $19,000.00 of this had to be taken out of our operating account. We paid our bills, but we have suffered for the need of equipment, repairs and help to do our work effectively.

This year, up to June 1st 46 per cent of our patient days were absolute charity. That is only 54 per cent of the patient days brought us any revenue at all. The others were charity. The amount necessary to care for this increasing demand for this year will be at least $60,000.00. And yet we cannot let our sick and needy Baptists die.

We believe the solution to this problem is: Our churches and Sunday Schools must take the Hospital seriously. Only one-fifth of the Schools give to this cause and many of these do not give ALL the offering on Mother's Day. They take a special collection, the Sunday School expenses are taken out and the Hospital get the remnants.

Our people must learn to patronize our own Hospital when they are able to pay for the services. We have the best Hospital in this part of the State. Why not bring your friends to us and let us care for them?

We can lead our people to remember the Hospital in their wills. $15,000.00 left as an endowment will care for a bed in the hospital for all time and will care for at least 24 persons a year until Jesus comes again. What a glorious investment in human life and health.

Pastors, let us put our Hospital deep down in our hearts. We must pray about it, talk about it, preach about it. Let's make our offerings reach $25,000.00 next year. Then the Hospital will care for at least 2,000 of those needy ones who come without money or price. And surely our Lord will not forget, for He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these, the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

MRS. J. THOS. M'LEAN, SR.

On motion to adopt, Mrs. McLean commented on this report; the chair then recognized Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, Superintendent of North Carolina Baptist Hospital who addressed the Association on the subject, he bringing out that the Hospital was a well-equipped and highly

efficient institution with the remarkably low death rate of 10 to 1,000. The report was adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Treasurer is herewith authorized and directed to pay the sum of $2.00 for necessary stamps and postage.

Rev. C. A. Abernethy, pastor Warlick's Church, extends hearty welcome on behalf of members of his church to messengers of the different churches and invites all to lunch which has been prepared by ladies of Warlick's Church. Association recesses with singing hymn and with prayer lead by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association reconvenes at 1:25 P. M. and devotional period is conducted by Rev. T. H. Roach, Pastor of Riverview Baptist Church, who read and spoke from the First Psalm. Prayer is offered by Rev. E. F. Hardin.

The following committees are appointed by the Moderator:

Nominating Committee: (To nominate members of the Executive Committee) E. F. Hardin, C. M. Robinson, and M. I. Harris.

Place and Preacher Committee: J. W. Hollingsworth, W. E. Bost, and S. A. Stroup.

There being a possible technicality of R. H. Harrill serving as Clerk and as member of Executive Committee, on motion duly seconded and carried, Association approves one person holding both positions.

Due to the fact that morning session had run over allotted time, Program Committee announces that ten minutes will be taken from time allotted to each of State, Home and Foreign Missions, and give time thus gained to B. Y. P. U., which was omitted from morning session. In absence of Ralph A. Self, Associational B. Y. P. U. President and writer on the subject, Mr. Stroup read the

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

Our training service in our State and Association has been blessed in many ways. We may be able to see such by the information listed below:

Our work was organized in the State in 1910. As late as 1914 there were only 50 Unions organized. Now we have over 2,500 Unions throughout the State, which means a membership of over 57,000 of our young Christians training themselves for more efficient service in our Lord's work.

In our Association we have 14 General Organizations, 6 Adult, 23 Senior, 17 Intermediate and 23 Junior Unions making a total of 69

Unions. 26 of our Churches have B. Y. P. U.'s awarding last year 449 Study Course credits. We had 10A-1 Unions in our Association, making a total of 13 quarters of A-1 work.

We are proud that we have made this much progress so far, but let's not be satisfied until we get all of our Young Christians enlisted in the training service of our Church.

May we remember that Our Lord was the first organizer of a training Service when he took the twelve apart and trained them, in order that they might carry out the great work that he had for them to do. If it was necessary for Our Lord to do such, how much more necessary is it that we should train ourselves for his Service.

May we this coming year not be satisfied until we all cooperate with our pastors in organizing this phase of work in every church in our Association. By so doing we can carry out the great commission in a more efficient way.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH A. SELF.

Chair recognizes James A. Ivey, State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, who in turn introduces Miss Winnie Rickett, State Junior-Intermediate Secretary, who discusses the report. Miss Rickett traces growth of B. Y. P. U. work, especially Juniors, from 1923 to present date. She stresses value of training opportunity offered young people. State Secretary Ivey speaks on subject and traces history from 1895, when Southern Baptist Convention refuses to endorse B. Y. P. U. During last sixteen years B. Y. P. U. has grown from fifty to twenty-five hundred unions, and from one thousand to sixty thousand members. Report is adopted by the Association.

Report on State Missions in the following words is read by Rev. M. I. Harris, Pastor of Penelope Baptist Church, who is the appointed writer on the subject:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

North Carolina Baptists are this year completing one hundred years of organized effort. At the very beginning our fathers made plans for evangelizing North Carolina . If the record of these one hundred years were examined, it would be found that many of our strong and generous churches in the leading towns and centers of the state were organized and planted through the sacrificial labors of faithful state missionaries.

Sometimes we hear the idea advanced that soon we will have finished the job of State Missions and that all the needy and promising fields will be occupied. But with the ever changing conditions and the rapid growth of the state in industrialism, in good roads, in public education, in the rapid shift of the population from the country to the town and city, there comes with every new generation new opportunities and new responsibilities for evangelizing and saving our own people.

In the percentage division of our Co-operative funds, State Missions receives twenty cents out of the dollar. In addition to this, all funds given through the Sunday Schools on State Mission Day, the last

Sunday in October, goes to State Missions as an extra amount.

This year there are eighty-four missionaries in the employ of the Board, serving about one hundred and fifty churches. The Board is caring for the Sunday School, W. M. U., B. Y. P. U. and Student Work. This year we took the Indian Work among the Indians in Robeson County and the Cherokee Work in Swain County.

The task is greater and the need is more imperative today than when our fathers began the work one hundred years ago. We hope every pastor will preach on State Missions during October, which is State Mission month throughout the South and that every Sunday School will put on the State Mission program the last Sunday in October. Our Board is heavily handicapped with a debt, and every church is urged to have a worthy part in this great statewide effort to lift the burden from our State Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,
M. I. HARRIS.

The report is discussed in impromptu manner by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, Catawba River Association, who stresses present great need of our State Board.

Committee on Place and Preacher reports and recommends that this Association shall meet in 1931 at the time set forth in the Constitution with Maiden Baptist Church, and that Dr. G. V. Tilley, Pastor of First Church, Newton, shall preach the annual sermon. Upon motion duly seconded and carried report is accepted and it is so ordered.

Nominating Committee reports and recommends that R. M. Perry, Hickory First Church, and C. S. Echerd, Mountain Grove Church, be elected to Executive Committee for a period of three years. Upon motion duly seconded and carried recommendation is adopted and the two named are elected:

The following committees are appointed by the Moderator:

Auditing Committee:—J. L. Teague
W. C. Laney
L. A. McClure.

Digest of Letters:——R. M. Perry
L. R. Williams.
R. G. Short.

The following report on Home Missions is read by its writer, Dr. G. V. Tilley, Pastor First Baptist Church, Newton.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is one of the great agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its field is the Southern Baptist territory, the four Western Provinces of Cuba, and the Canal Zone. It undertakes what the State Convention and other local agencies cannot do. In places in the Southern Baptist territory "the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few," and here this Board finds its task.

Real Mission Work is being done among the Foreigners who have

come to us, Indians, Negroes and destitute sections in some of our own cities. The Board has always been sympathetic toward our Mountain regions, supporting schools and evangelism. Mission work is being prosecuted in Cuba and the Canal Zone. The Sanitorium in El Paso secures support and attention from this Board. Each phase of the work is looked after by a capable superintendent.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence is the new Secretary of the Board. His election was not an experiment. He is one of our own brethren, well known as a wise, consecrated man, and worthy of complete confidence. With him a new day has dawned for the Board.

The debt of the Board adds to our task. The Mountain School bonds, the Cuban bonds and Sanitorium bonds outstanding amount to $1,088,-000.00. Notes payable to banks, individuals and firms amount to $882,981.19. The total indebtedness is $1,970,981.19.

The work for the present year was laid out on the basis of the receipts of the past year,$439,754.76. The Board set aside $250,000.00 to be applied on the debt, principal and interest. This has necessitated a reduction in Mission work, but let it be remembered that the debt is being reduced. During the past two years $713,987.57 has been applied to the debt.

Last year the workers under the Board were 168. They baptized 2,219 people. Much of the results of the work cannot be computed in figures.

The Board is ours and reserves our sympathetic support.

Respectfully submitted,
G. V. TILLEY.

On motion to adopt, Dr. Tilley discusses the report and brings out two main reasons for support of home Mission Board; first, to relieve the Board of the enormous debt of approximately $2,000,000.00, he stating that it is Christian duty to pay a debt. Second, with increasing need of work that the Board is doing, he referring to increased population of South with large industries moving in and also wider territory served. Motion to adopt is seconded and carried.

Auditing Committee reports as follows:

We, the Auditing Committee, have gone over the accounts of our Treasurer and found his accounts correct and in good form.

J. L. Teague
L. A. McClure
W. C. Laney.

Association pauses to relax and stands and sings one verse of hymn.

The hour having arrived for report on Foreign Missions, the following is read by Rev. E. F. Hardin, Pastor First Baptist Church, Lincolnton:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The last annual report of the Foreign Mission Board to the

Southern Baptist Convention brings before us a serious situation. There are facts in the report about which we rejoice to learn, and there are facts which should cause us to do some sober thinking.

It is gratifying to learn that there were last year more than thirteen thousand baptisms on our mission fields. This is an increase of a thousand baptisms over any preceding year in our history. This, it seems to me, is ample proof that the peoples of heathen lands are truly ready to hear the gospel message.

Another gratifying feature of the Board's report is the reduction of the debt which has weighted us down. During the past three years the debt on the Foreign Mission Board has been reduced from $1,145,000.00 to $615,137.32. Thus we see that our debt has been reduced approximately fifty per cent during this short period. For this we give God thanks.

But we must face some unpleasant facts. First of all let us note that we have lost during the past three years one hundred American missionaries and six hundred native workers. When we think of our small force of workers numbering only 445 American and 2,200 native men and women, and compare with this the strength of Roman Catholicism in world missions with a force of workers numbering about fifty times this figure—and then face the further fact that there are today 2,000,000 Pagans under the instructions of the Catholic faith—we are compelled to raise the question: Are Southern Bpatists as vitally interested as they ought to be in the salvation of the world for which Christ died?

Again, while we rejoice that our debt has been materially reduced during the past three years, we must face the fact that this has been made possible by fearful retrenchment in our work. As has already been pointed out, we have lost 700 American and native workers. In addition to this our Board has sold one piece of property recently and is offering other property for sale. Still another unpleasant fact is that our receipts during the past year showed a decrease over the preceding year of $206,369.61. It goes without saying that our Board cannot possibly maintain its work on the present basis unless there is decided change in this state of affairs. So disturbed are many of our people over our present situation that they are designating their gifts to the foreign mission work. Last year more than $500,000.00 went through this channel. This was more than 40 per cent of the entire receipts of our Foreign Mission Board. Should these designated gifts become materially smaller during any given year, our work would be imperiled unless this decrease should be offset by an increase of receipts from the Co-Operative Program. Only one way can this increase come, viz: It must come through larger giving to the Co-Operative Program on the part of Southern Baptists.

With these facts before us we should be brought to sober thinking about the situation. However, we would not sound a pessimistic note. We realize that we have been going through a period of readjustment since the World War, and we believe that a new day for world missions is already beginning to dawn. We are making only one appeal, namely, that we as pastors and leaders continue to urge upon our people the necessity of supporting with larger giving the entire Co-Operative Program. Spasmodic appeals for any one object will not suffice. It will take systematic giving, growing out of a faithful stewardship on the part of Southern Baptists to adequately take care of our work—one

vital phase of which is Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
ELBERT F. HARDIN.

Rev. E. F. Sullivan and Dr. G. V. Tilley comment to the Association on this subject and the same is regularly adopted. Motion is offered. to receive pledges from each church to the Co-Operative Program for next year. Amendment to such motion to the effect that church letters be canvassed to ascertain churches which had not reported on this item and pending canvass to proceed with regular business.

The Executive Committee of the South Fork Association gives its regular annual report, the following being read by its secretary:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Since the last meeting of this Association, your Committee has endeavored to keep in close touch with the affairs of this body, both financial and spiritual. Our first work being that of hearing appeals for aid from the more needy churches of this Association and after due consideration of such claims and revising them as we deemed best, the same were forwarded to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention for final action.

Your committee elected Bro. J. Y. Killian to succeed himself as trustee to the scholarship fund of the Association and while the trustee has found it necessary to make some changes in the investment of a portion of this fund during the year, he has made no change without the approval of this committee and the present status of the above fund will be embodied in the Treasurer's report to this Association.

Your committee at its own expense sent Rev. W. C. Laney, Pastor Brookford Baptist Church to the Annual Preachers School at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., during the month of June. Other benevolent objects within the bounds of this Association have been fostered by this Committee, but in no case have we used Associational or Scholarship funds, save only as directed by this Association.

There being five applications for the Scholarship for the school year 1930-1931, and the scholarship fund being sufficiently large to award two scholarships and still leave the principal more than $2,500.00 your committee awarded two scholarships for the present school year, one going to Miss Florilla Erwin, Catawba, N. C., the other to Miss Eulalie McLure, Alexis, N. C.

Your committee unanimously endorses Fellowship Week, the week to be set apart in the interest of the Baptist Centennial, October 12 to 19th, and we urge every church within the bounds of this Association to make much of the opportunity, not only to make a liberal offering for the Centennial Fund but also to have fellowship one with another in our lcoal churches.

Your Committee is in full accord with the General Board of the Baptist State Convention in their effort to curtail expenses wherever possible and with this in view will advise all churches in this Association to do all in their power not only to finance themselves during the coming year but also to make a substantial increase in our offerings for

the Co-Operative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
South Fork Baptist Executive Committee,
By L. L. HATFIELD, Chairman.
By R. H. HARRILL, Secretary.

The report is discussed by the Secretary and Dr. Tilley also comments on part of the report and suggests that the Association request that members of the Executive Committee accompany pastors during Fellowship Week. The report is regularly adopted and upon motion duly seconded and carried, Dr. Tilley's suggestion is adopted and the members of the Executive Committee are requested by the Association to accompany pastors during this week.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried the Association re-elects Rev. J. L. Teague as Director of Co-Operative Program.

J. H. Killian, member Executive Committee and Trustee of Scholarship Fund, read the following report on:

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Loaned to the Town of Maiden two notes:	
One dated May 1, 1928	$1,200.00
One dated April 29, 1929	650.00
Loaned to Claremont Hosiery Mills $1,000.00 June 6, 1928, on which note was paid $500.00 on May 26, 1930, leaving due from said mill	500.00
This said $500.00 was loaned June 2, 1930, to W. D. Hursey, of Claremont, N. C., on mortgage on his home	500.00
On savings account at Shuford's National Bank, Newton, N. C.	20.00
	$2,870.00
Collected interested on notes for one year	171.00
Paid to Miss Mary Harris scholarship fund	151.00

The remaining $20.00 of interest is the amount on saving at Shuford's Bank.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN, Treasurer.

Brother Killian, in discussing this report, explains to the Association how it was possible to award two scholarships this year. Report, upon motion duly seconded and carried, is accepted.

Upon motion duly second and carried, Moderator is authorized to appoint committee to see churches who have not contributed to Minute fund and to secure pledges from these. Moderator appoints R. M. Perry and W. E. Bost to serve on this committee. The Moderator appoints committee to draft resolutions of respect in appreciation of retiring Moderator and Clerk. Dr. G. V. Tilley and Rev. J. L.

Teague are the appointees.

Upon motion, same being carried, the Association adjourns with prayer to meet tomorrow, Friday morning, at 9:30.

SECOND DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1930

The Association convenes in its session of the second day and after a song the devotional period is in charge of Rev. M. I. Harris who reads and comments on Luke 23:33. Moderator L. L. Hatfield leads the Association in prayer. Moderator calls Association to order and appoints the following to serve as a committee to nominate delegate to Baptist State Convention: W. E. Bost, W. C. Laney, and C. A. Abernethy. This being all the business at this time the regular program follows, and Rev. E. F. Sullivan, Associational Sunday-School Superintendent, reads the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School continues as the chief educational agency of the local church. Here Christian teachers reach the largest number of people, old and young. There are nearly three million in the Baptist Sunday Schools of the South. Last year in North Carolina there were 2,195 schools with a membership of 346,693.

While much has been done, the crying need is still screaming in our ears night and day. Listen to these figures. There are five million white people in our towns and cities not enrolled in any Sunday School. While there are fifteen and three quarter million white rural people unenlisted in our territory. Even here in the South Fork Association we have not reached half our possibilities. Surely God would have us go out after these wandering souls and line them up for him.

In this day of atheists, communists, wet propagandists, bootleggers, and pleasure seekers, it is no time to call a halt. Rather we should double and thribble our energies in enlisting, in winning and in teaching our people for God.

The Sunday School Department has as its objectives: increased enrollment, better grading, better equipment, more trained teachers and officrs, winning the lost to Christ, and stressing church and denominational loyalty. Much of the work is being done through voluntary associational workers. This is as it should be, for in the first place we could never pay for all the work that needs to be done, and too it keeps the workers in close touch with the local churches.

This Association is divided into five groups with group superintendents as follows: Lincolnton district, Mrs. J. W. Hoover; East Lincolnton district, H. R. Wilkinson; Maiden district, G. S. Whisnant; Newton district, C. W. Ervin; and Hickory district, R. M. Perry. No association in the State has a more loyal group of workers than these. We held monthly meetings throughout the year, discussing as topics the objectives mentioned above. The average attendance at these meetings

was above the two hundred mark.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

This report is discussed by its writer, Dr. C. Frank Pittman, S. A. Stroup, M. L. Buchanan, and C. M. Robinson, after which it is regularly adopted.

Rev. R. G. Short read the following report:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your Committee is glad to note the gratifying progress in general education throughout our State. More is being done along educational lines by the State today than ever before. Our State colleges, high schools and grammar schools are being better provided for and more adequately meeting the demands upon them. At the present rate of progress our State will take its place in the front rank, educationally, before the passing of many years.

We are concerned, in the main, however, in this report about our own denominational schools and colleges. We have Wake Forest College, for men; Meredith, for women, of which North Carolina Baptists are justly proud.

We also have the following colleges and high schools: Chowan Female College, a senior college, Mars Hill College, Boiling Springs College and Wingate College, junior colleges, all of which hold a high place in the esteem of our people. First, because our schools increase the influence and members of the denomination; second, because they are a source of our ministers and missionaries; and, third, because they all stress the training of laymen for definite denominational service. North Carolina Baptists desire, and demand, that their institutions of learning shall be Christian, not only in name, but in reality, and that they stand for the faith, once for all delivered unto the saints.

If these institutions expect the support and patronage of our Baptist people, they must show themselves worthy of it. The wishes and desires of the majority—the rank and file—must be considered.

Let us rally to these great institutions and help to make them what their founders meant for them to be—and more if possible.

Respectfully submitted,
R. G. SHORT.

J. M. Page, representative of General Board, being a visitor to this Association, is recognized by the Moderator and comments on this report. He gives statistics of North Carolina Baptists in 1830 and 1930 and brings out the interesting statistics that in 1830 there were approximately 7,500 Missionary Baptists and 7,500 Anti-Missionary Baptists while in 1930 Anti-Missionary Baptists have decreased to 7,000 and Missionary Baptists have increased to 650,000. He also informs the Association as to the present distribution of all funds under the Co-Operative Program.

The Co-Operative Program of North Carolina Baptists includes

all our Missions, Educational and Benevolent Work. There are Seven Objects included in the Co-Operative Program to which we contribute funds, and the percentage is as follows:

HOW THE MONEY IS DIVIDED
KINGDOM WORK IN

NORTH CAROLINA—50c		SOUTH AND WORLD—50c	
Christian Education	.26	Foreign Missions	.25-
State Missions	.20	Home Missions	.12-1/12
Hospital	.04	Theological Sem's.	.08-1/6
		Ministerial Relief	.03-1/2
Total	50c	New Orleans Hospital	.01-1/4
		Total	50c

The chart given above shows how North Carolina Baptists divide the money given by the Churches for our Missionary, Educational and Benevolent Work. It will be seen that the money is divided on the 50-50 basis between State and South-wide objects. In addition to the percentage given each object out of the Co-Operative Budget, all money designated to a particular object goes as designated as an extra.

Mr. Page further states that the present condition of State Baptist Convention is most critical and urgently stresses support of Co-Operative Program. Report is regularly adopted.

Report on Woman's Work is read by Rev. M. L. Buchanan, Pastor Maiden Baptist Church:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

From the beginning of our race woman has played an active and important part in shaping the history of the world. Because of woman's power no one is more responsible than she for the betterment of society. As we begin to review her past history we feel a danger of being tempted to praise her too highly because of her glorious achievements, but a further perusal of her history finds us longing for words to express our appreciation of her influence and wonderful works.

We humbly submit that our language fails us.

Regardless of her handicaps in all ages she has struggled on in her battles of righteousness. She was the last to leave the Cross and the first to reach the empty tomb of our Lord.

Space is too limited for us to call the honor roll of our leading worthies. Much of woman's influence and work has been kept in the back ground and many whose names may never appear in print may be on Heaven's Honor Roll. Many noble lives that have long ceased to be will continue on down the streams of time to bless generations yet unborn.

"The Philanthropic Baptist Missionary Society" near Fayetteville, was in existence in 1816, as was also "Hyco Female Cent Society" as old records show. There were other similar societies but unfortunately

some of the old records have not been preserved. These early societies were called "Mite" or "Cent" societies because of the usually small contribution. Much of their money was raised by sewing. Making of garments for the poor was their usual program.

Southern women did a great deal of missionary work among their Negro slaves on their plantations.

Through all of those years of opposition and handicaps by those who sought to keep woman in the background, all of the editors of the Biblical Recorder have given her cause loyal support. Especially has the present editor distinguished himself in this respect. In the early part of their work without the help of these editors their work would have been impossible.

The woman's North Carolina Union became a part of the Southern Union in 1891 and their first annual meeting was held at Goldsboro in 1891. To this meeting fourteen societies sent delegates. Gifts reported at this meeting amounted to $3,192.14. The first session made plans for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The North Carolina Union gave to this fund $256.28.

Last year our North Carolina women gave to the Christmas offering $17,976.37. The entire gift from Southern women amounted to $235,-274.31. All of the new missionaries sent out in the last two years and all of the old missionaries returned to their fields have been sent out through this annual offering.

What would become of us men and missions if it were not for our faithful women to stimulate us with their generosity? Let us profit by their example, remembering that prayer is given an important place in all of their plans.

The year 1899 was marked by the sending out of a "Teacher's Volunteer Corps." These teachers supplied for six weeks during summer. They received for their services their board and traveling expenses.

The Woman's M. S. met in Durham in 1906 in its first separate meeting from the State Convention.

From $1,000.00 gifts in 1886 their annual gifts increased to $300,-000.00 during the Seventy-five Million Campaign, and to $345,199.99 in 1928. During the entire period of the W. M. U. in this state they have contributed the sum of $3,810,801.79. From ten societies they have increased to 2,692 with a membership of nearly 50,000.

During the drought, unemployment and financial depression our good women are doing much substantial work in helping in their local churches the sick and the destitute of which we have no record. Also they are doing a splendid work by organizing the various societies among our young people.

The woman's work of this Association, under the splendid leadership of Mrs. O. Joe Howard as Superintendent, has accomplished much good in our churches and among our young people. Its apportionment for our program for the year ending March 11, 1930, was met. It being one of twenty counties that falls in this honor list. The same report shows 16 new societies, 10 societies doing personal work, 7 mission study classes, 11 societies observing Week of Prayer and 69 tithers.

In the Bible the worst and the best is typified by woman.

This is a day of unprecedented opportunity for women. In our

churches we have 125 females for every 100 males. Naturally woman is more moral and religious than man.

The young womanhood of America holds the balance of power. Does she think more of her dance, her poodle pup, her cigarette and her social pleasures than she does of her home, rearing children, her country and her church? If so, prohibition is doomed. For whatever prohibition is worth woman comes in for the largest per cent of the honor.

"Tremble ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones." Isaiah 32:11.

Rspectfully submitted,
M. L. BUCHANAN.

After motion to adopt and during period of discussion and interesting explanation and description of work done by Y. W. A., a department of woman's work, is given by Miss Myrtle Campbell, First Church, Hickory. She gives in forceful style a description of the annual Y. W. A. camp at Ridgecrest, Baptist Assembly Grounds, situated in the mountains of Western North Carolina, ideal for vacations, filled with worthwhile people and able leaders, with a deep inspiring spirit, Ridgecrest offers much to young Baptist girls. Miss Campbell describes in full the procedure and order of events of a day at Ridgecrest, which shows their every attention to develop, social, denominational and spiritual life of the people going to Ridgecrest.

Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Associational Director of Woman's work, further discusses this report and states plan is under way to have a large number of girls to attend camp next year. She states that a house has been given and 22 girls can be taken care of from this Association. The report is further discussed by Rev. M. L. Buchanan, its writer, who pays high tribute to womanhood and to the women of this Association. After these discussions report is duly adopted.

Due to inability of the writer on Ministerial Relief and Annuities to be at the afternoon session the program is changed to include the following report:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The care of our aged and disabled preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers deserves the most earnest and powerful attention at the hands of all our people. Southern Baptists are attempting to faithfully and sympathetically minister unto them through the Relief and Annuity Board with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, with Dr. Thomas J. Watts as Executive Secretary. This Board is now in its thirteenth year and its work may be summarized in the single statement, "ministering to need and preventing need." That far too little money has been contributed by our people for this nobly beneficent work all must freely confess. That more money should be given for the support of our veterans, their widows and orphans will not be questioned. Surely

our old ministers are deserving of better treatment in their declining years. Some good man or woman in each church is urged to write to the Board for literature and inform the people fully concerning this great work and the need, as this report could not possibly give all details of the work being done nor of the great need of this cause.

1. The Board ministering to need—The Relief Fund.

It has been one of the functions of the Board from the beginning of its activities to provide the greatest possible assistance to our aged ministers and to the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. Its efforts have never been relaxed for a moment in this beneficent service. Approximately $1,300,000.00 has been sent during the past twelve years in bi-monthly and emergency grants to the thousands of beneficiaries, all of whom were recommended after careful investigation of their worthiness and need by officials of the State Convention or by relief committees serving under State Convention appointment. It has been a chief regret that the amounts sent to the needy ones have not been more worthy of our denomination. In many instances the very bread that our veterans eat has been bought with the money that the Board sent them, and in other instances it has relieved other needs, namely—fuel and clothing.

2. The Board Preventing Need.—The Annuity Fund.

The Annuity fund was not designed to minister to need but to prevent need. While the amount paid to a benficiary of this fund is inadequate for a comfortable support, it does prevent abject need. No man is wholly dependent who has a check coming to him every month in the year in the sum of $41.66. The monthly sum sent to widows and orphans from this fund is $25.00. Who among Southern Baptists after careful consideration of what this department of your Board is doing would prefer to have the ministers and their families thrown upon the fluctuating and uncertain distribution of relief funds if it is at all possible for them to share in a contractual plan in which the minister contributes a small part of the cost. Self help contributes to a feeling of independence.

Since the year 1921 there has been a downward trend of contributions from the churches, the amount contributed in 1921 being $419,-437.25 and decreasing regularly each year to $113,576.17 in 1930 and all the while through wisely husbanding its resources the Board has steadily increased the benefits paid.

A final word to show that the work of the Relief and Annuity Board is Missionary. There is no spectar which rises up to haunt and discourage the faithful minister, missionary or Christian worker, like the possibility of becoming old and worn out and dropped from the list of active workers with nothing to keep soul and body together and to give the physical comforts of life during the last days on earth. This one thing hinders the forward march of church work and world missions probably as much as any other. If every minister could have in his heart the assurance of being taken care of in old age, it would do more than any other one thing to stimulate his definite and undivided devotion to spiritual matters, his cheerful and enthusiastic service in all lines of endeavor, and his success in the Master's work. It is, therefore, absolutely certain that the Mission of Ministerial Relief is Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. HARRILL.

Upon motion to adopt and second, this report is discussed by Moderator Hatfield, who urges the support of this worthy cause, as the tendency is to drop elderly ministers and they are not usually self-dependent as their salary during their younger days was not sufficient for them to provide for their declining years. The report was further discussed by Grover Teague, a visitor, also by Dr. Pittman who reiterates statement in report that old age is dread of average minister and a retard to their best work. The report is duly adopted.

Moderator Hatfield assigns the following to write and discuss the reports for the next annual session:

Biblical Recorder	L. R. Williams.
State Missions	L. A. McLure.
Home Missions	Mrs. J. W. Hoover.
Foreign Mission	J. L. Teague.
Mills Home	L. V. Padgett.
B. Y. P. U.	Ralph A. Self.
Ministerial Relief	T. H. Caldwell.
Bible Schools	McKinley Sronce.
Temperance	E. F. Sullivan.
Christian Education	C. F. Pittman.
Woman's Work	Mrs. O. Joe Howard.
Baptist Hospital	Mrs. G. V. Tilley.
Obituaries	T. H. Roach.

Rev. J. L. Teague and Dr. G. V. Tilley, the appointed committee on Resolutions of Appreciation, report to the Association and introduce the following:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, Brethren Osborne Brown and J. F. Click have served this Association as Moderator and Clerk for many years, and have given unselfishly of their time and labor to this Association and the furtherance of its causes, and whereas they now retire together giving place to others chosen to lead this body, and whereas the pastors, delegates, and brethren of the South Fork Association desire to express their appreciation of these men beloved of God and the brethren:

Be it resolved:

First.—That by a rising vote of this Association, we do now express our deep and heartfelt appreciation of these two brethren and of their worth to this association, praying that divine blessing and help shall strengthen them each for further tasks in our Master's kingdom.

Second.—That a copy of these resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of this Association, and that a copy be sent to each, Bro. Brown and Bro. Click.

J. L. TEAGUE,
G. V. TILLEY,
Committee.

It is moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted by a rising vote and the vote to adopt is unanimous.

Moderator Hatfield appoints Rev. E. F. Sullivan and Dr. C. Frank Pittman to serve with Rev. M. L. Buchanan as committee on program for the session in 1931 with Maiden First Baptist Church.

The time drawing near for the lunch hour, Moderator calls particular attention to important subjects included in the afternoon program and all present are urged to remain for the afternoon session. Preceding actual adjournment for lunch, Pastor Abernethy states to the Association that a member of the local church is seriously ill and requests special prayer for the afflicted one and his family. After singing one stanza of "I Gave My Life for Thee" special prayer is offered for the sick and his sorrowing family and the Association adjourns for the sumptuous lunch provided by the ladies of the church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvenes at 1:15 P. M. for its final session of the 1930 Convention, and devotional period is conducted by Rev. S. A. Stroup. Prayer is offered by M. L. Huffman.

Opportunity is given and a brief report is given by a representative of each of the different churches in the Association. R. M. Perry of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters, submits the following:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Baptisms	491—Gain 206
Church Members	6280—Gain 266
Members in S. S.	6935—Gain 299
Members in B. Y. P. U.	860

This report is discussed by Mr. Perry and the same is duly adopted.

H. A. Witherspoon, of the Committee on Obituaries, submits the report as is shown on separate page next following, and the Association in adopting this report in respect to these departed, pauses for a few moments and as a short memorial service join in singing "More About Jesus" and prayer is offered by Rev. J. A. McMillian, Pastor of Mills Home Baptist Church, a visitor to the Association today.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO OUR COMRADES WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE LAST ROLL CALL SINCE OCTOBER, 1929.

Since the last meeting of our Association, death has entered our homes and claimed 53 of our members, as follows:

CATAWBA—
Rev. H. M. Croom (Minister)
Mrs. N. A. Pope
Mr. L. M. Killian

CORINTH—
Mr. A. M. Propst

GOODSONVILLE—
Mrs. Lela McGee
Mrs. J. R. Varner

HICKORY FIRST—
Mr. J. D. Elliott (Deacon)
Mr. J. H. Elliott
Mr. J. S. Jones
Mrs. T. L. Henkel
Mrs. G. R. Ennis
Mrs. Mary Watts

HIGHLAND—
Mrs. Dave Arney

LINCOLN AVENUE—
Mrs. W. W. Marr
(Wife of Pastor)
Mr. Joe McAllister
Mr. J. P. Howell

LINCOLNTON FIRST—
Mr. A. Moore

MACEDONIA—
Mr. J. B. Ewing (Deacon)
Mr. M. A. Lawing
Mrs. Sophia Perkins

EAST MAIDEN—
Rev. E. S. Whisnant
(Deacon)
Mr. W. M. Setzer
Mrs. Winnie Long
Mrs. Jannie Tillman

MAIDEN FIRST—
Mr. P. H. Cline (Deacon)
Mr. J. F. Canipe
Mrs. Hall Williams
Mrs. Richard Campbell
Miss Rose Campbell
Mr. Preston Sigmon

MOUNT RUHAMA—
Mrs. Ida S. Caldwell
Mrs. Adeline Campbell
Mrs. Tinie Caldwell

MOUNT ZION—
Mrs. Anna Hager

MOUNTAIN VIEW—
Mr. A. P. Hicks

NEWTON FIRST—
Mr. N. J. Marlowe
Mrs. B. L. Ledwell
Mrs. W. C. Brock
Mrs. T. W. Lowe
Mrs. R. H. Corpening
Ebert Wilson

NORTH NEWTON—
Mr. Don Triplett

OLIVET—
Mr. W. A. Kale

PENELOPE—
Miss Edna James
Miss Mary Jane Moore

PINEY GROVE—
Mrs. Harriett Lowerance
Vagie Abernethy

PROVIDENCE—
Mr. J. T. Brittain

SALEM—
Mr. R. J. Garison (Deacon)
Mr. J. E. Harrill

SHARON—
Mrs. L. A. Abernethy
Mr. J. A. Hovis

WARLICKS—
Mr. Ralph Smith

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. WITHERSPOON.

Rev. W. C. Laney of the Committee to nominate delegates from this Association to the Baptist State Convention, reports in the following words:

We, the Committee, nominate the following: E. F. Hardin, M. I. Harris, and S. A. Stroup, as delegates from this Association to the Baptist State Convention.

(*Signed*) W. C. LANEY
G. C. CHURCH
W. W. ERVIN

This report is duly adopted and the names therein mentioned are regularily elected as South Fork delegates.

Rev. C. M. Robinson of the committee to nominate a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, submits its report in the following words:

Your Committee begs leave to offer the name of our Moderator, L. L. Hatfield, as delegate from this Association to the Southern Baptist Convention.

(*Signed*) W. E. BOST
C. A. ABERNETHY
C. M. ROBINSON

The report is regularly adopted, thus naming our Moderator as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Association at this time takes up some miscellaneous business.

Brother L. V. Padgett, Lincolnton First Church, is reelected Associational Representative of the Mills Home.

The Executive Committee of the Association is instructed and directed to continue to foster the Fifth Sunday Union meetings and all churches of the Association are urged to support these meetings with a representative of their membership.

Mrs. J. T. McLean, Sr., is reelected to represent the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in this Association for the ensuing year.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried, Clerk to the Association is allowed the sum of $35.00 for his services and if funds will permit the map as has hitherto been included shall again be included.

A voluntary offering was taken for the minute fund, the amount of $7.40 being received.

Ralph A. Self, Highland Church, is regularly re-elected Associational B. Y. P. U. President for the ensuing year.

It appearing that corrections or amendments should possibly be made to our constitution, the Moderator appoints T. P. Pruitt, E. F.

Hardin and R. H. Harrill to serve as committee on Constitution and By-Laws, they to study the present constitution and offer such report and recommendation for amendment or change as they may see fit.

The appointed writer on Temperance not being in attendance at this Association and the Association desiring not to omit this important subject, C. W. Ellington is appointed to prepare a report on Temperance and forward same to the Clerk, that it may be included in the official minutes.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

It seems more and more evident that the South and the West may be compelled to join forces and prove to the East that the liquor question is settled, so far as the United States at large is concerned.

Independent Republican leaders throughout the West are talking the same languages as the Southern Democratic leaders by demanding the retention and the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, Senators Brookhart and Borah have openly declared their intention to meet the issue, if the wets persist in a national political battle on the question of booze.

Dwight Morrow, of New Jersey, is one of the dominating figures of the Republican party of the East, and Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt is unquestionably the leader of the Eastern Democrats. Both have taken occasion to come out unequivocally for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. That puts the proposition up squarely to the rest of the nation as to whether the great mass of voters intend to permit the controlling forces of both major parties to be swallowed up by the booze interests without raising a hand in defense of the overwhelming conviction of voters throughout the South, Mid-West and West.

While conditions today are not what we might desire, we all know that practically ever community can enforce the laws just as strictly as it desires.

Therefore, we earnestly entreat every Baptist in our Association to stand by our officers, who are ready and willing to enforce prohibition, regardless of their party affiliation.

Rspectfully submitted,
C. W. ELLINGTON.

The report not being at hand, however, the subject is discussed by Mr. Ellington, Rev. M. I. Harris, Dr. C. Frank Pittman, Rev. S. A. Stroup, Dr. G. V. Tilley, Rev. E. F. Sullivan and Rev. C. M. Robinson.

At the session of Thursday morning the report on Mills Home being read and the motion to adopt not being carried because of its non-discussion, Moderator changes program to include the discussion of this report. Rev. J. A. McMillan, mentioned previously, addresses the Association on the Mills Home, he speaking in forceful style. After this address the report was duly adopted.

The following resolution is introduced by Dr. C. Frank Pittman:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved that this Association by a rising vote express the deep

appreciation of this body to this good pastor and church for the splendid hospitality so richly bestowed and enjoyed during the sessions of this Association.

May the abiding approval and blessings of the Head of the Church rest upon this Church.

Respectfully submitted,
C. FRANK PITTMAN.

This resolution is unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

This concluding the program of the 1930 South Fork Baptist Association and all business as far as is known having been transacted, upon motion the Association was adjourned to meet with Maiden First Baptist Church on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1931.

The Association stands and sings that blessed hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and the closing prayer is led by W. W. Ervin.

L. L. HATFIELD, *Moderator.*
R. H. HARRILL, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	PASTOR	Village, Town City or County	SUNDAYS OF MEETING	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Membership	Weekly Prayer Meeting	Revivals Held	Observances of Lord's Supper	Families Rec. State Paper
					Baptisms	Letters	Statement	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Deaths					
Antioch	M. P. Rhyne	Co.	Third	38		3							41	No	1	1	
Bethel	J. B. Paine	Co.	Third	95	8	8	1		7			1	104	No	1	1	2
Brookford	W. C. Laney	T	Every S.	153	90	3	5	2	8	4	3		238	Yes	2	1	12
Catawba	S. A. Stroup	T	First, Third	157	20	1			4			2	172	No	1	1	2
Centerview	L. A. McClure	Co.	First, Third	120	8				2				126			2	
Corinth	W. E. Bost	Co.	Fourth	132	13	2		1	3			1	144	No	1	1	2
Denver	C. M. Robinson	V	Fourth	19					1				18	No			
Faith	H. B. Jones	Co.		25	4	2							31		1	1	
Gainsville	L. A. Bangle	Co.	Second, 4th	227	1	4			1				231		1	1	
Goodsonville	H. B. Jones	V	Every S.	144	10	15	1		10			2	158	Yes	2	4	1
Hickory First	C. F. Pittman	C	Every S.	725	16	28			29			4	736	Yes	0	4	75
West Hickory	R. G. Short	T	Every S.	236	10	12	1	5	16	6	11		231	Yes	3	1	8
Highland	E. F. Sullivan	T	Every S.	372	51	27	3	3	22	7		1	426	Yes	2	4	
Lawings Chapel	L. A. McClure	Co.	Second	140	21	9		2	15				157	Yes	1	2	
Leonards Fork	W. A. Hoffman	Co.	Second, 4th	83	13				1				95		1	2	2
Lincoln Avenue	W. W. Marr	T	Every S.	218	25	12			20		117	3	115	Yes	2	4	4
Lincolnton First	E. F. Hardin	V	Every S.	305	7	7	1	1	24	2		1	294	Yes	2	4	42
Macedonia	T. H. Roach	Co.	First	205		1			1			3	202		1	2	
East Maiden	L. R. Williams	T	First, Third	136	14	11			6	2		4	149	Yes	1	3	5
Maiden First	M. L. Buchanan	T	Every S.	360	43	8	1		6			6	400	Yes	2	4	10
Mt. Ruhama	L. A. McClure	Co.	First, Third	254	1	3			4	3		3	248	Yes	1	2	
Mt. Zion	T. H. Roach	Co.	Third	128	3				1	1		1	128	No	1	2	3
Mtn. Grove	J. L. Teague	Co.	Second, 4th	115	7	1			3				120	No	1	1	2
Mtn. View	L. A. McClure	Co.	Fourth	131		4			9			1	125	Yes	1	2	
Newton First	G. V. Tilley	T	Every S.	247	26	25			17		1	6	274	Yes	1	4	10
North Newton	S. A. Stroup	T	Second, 4th	86	12	33	4		8		30	1	96	Yes	1	1	
Olivet	C. M. Robinson	Co.	Second, 4th	214	21	1			6			1	229	Yes	1	1	2
Penelope	M. I. Harris	T	Every S.	241	24	12			14			1	262	Yes	2	4	12
Piney Grove	C. M. Robinson	Co.	Second	45		1			2			2	42		1	1	
Providence	M. I. Harris	Co.	Second, 4th	81	1				1				81	Part	1		2
Reepsville	A. L. Campbell	Co.	Every S.	97	20	6		1	6			1	117	Yes	2	1	5
River View	T. H. Roach	Co.	Second, 4th	132	5	4		1	5				137	Yes	1	4	4
Salem	M. P. Rhyne	Co.	Third	80	6				2			2	82		1	1	
Sharon	S. M. Stroup	Co.	First, Third	78	2				3			2	75	No	1	2	2
Southside	L. R. Williams	V	Second, 4th	99		2	1		3				99	Yes	1	4	
Startown	J. L. Street	Co.		4	1	5							10				
Warlicks	C. A. Abernethy	Co.	Second	95	8	2			3	14		1	87	No	1	0	1
				6017	491	252	18	16	263	39	162	50	6280		43	73	208

TABLE II. SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3—5 Years	Primaries 6—8 Years	Juniors 9—12 Years	Intermediates 13—16 Years	Young People 17—25 Years	Adult 25 Years Up	Cradle Roll	Home Dept.	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	School Graded	Standard A-1	Teachers With Diplomas	Baptisms From S. S.	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions, Orphanage, etc.
Antioch	G. W. McAllister Lincolnton	5		18	5			12			40	30	No	No			$	$
Bethel	R. A. Long R-2, Lincolnton	10						51			61	35	No	No		2		15 00
Brookford	W. R. Lowman Brookford	18	19	38	58	37	31	47	7		255	170	Yes	No		55		57 55
Catawba	C. W. Erwin Catawba	15	15	7	16	20	26	26			125	71	Yes	No		15	132 68	111 98
Centerview	M. C. Laney R-1, Maiden	13	18	10	11	15	49	22			138	94	Yes	Yes		8		
Corinth	C. C. Propst R-1, Hickory	12	16	14	24	34	7	45			152	77	Yes	No	10	9	45 12	45 84
Denver																		
Faith	Louise Helderman Alexis							21			21	12					3 50	7 00
Gainsville	C. C. Houser Crouse	8	26	13	16	11	20	19			113					1		
Goodsonville	V. D. Chapman Goodsonville	16	35	16	30	28	37	45			207	110	Yes	No	2	8	4 19	120 41
Hickory First	T. P. Pruitt Hickory	90	59	113	121	90	74	165	65	29	806	448	Yes	Yes	59	15	1 495 84	637 00
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz West Hickory	20	17	33	57	20	38	95	10		290	182	Yes	No	6	4	180 00	
Highland	S. C. Duncan Hickory	60	62	72	94	83	101	117	33	33	655	218	Yes	Yes	43	51		239 70
Lawings Chapel	J. H. Fish R-4, Lincolnton	18	19	12	27	31	14	49	27		197	100	Yes		6	13	53 40	14 92
Leonards Fork	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse	6		6	8		5	10			35	25	Yes	Yes	6	5		18 16
Lincoln Avenue	Z. T. Wise Lincolnton	18	27	7	29	25	38	32			176	119	Yes	Yes	18	20		
Lincolnton First	R. H. Harrill Lincolnton	33	19	38	42	31	22	47	21	16	269	160	Yes	Yes	22	5		
Macedonia	F. W. Barker R-3, Lincolnton	10						164			174	57	No	No				
East Maiden	Edd. Williams Maiden	23	24	21	26	31	43	45	12		225	163	Yes	Yes	10	10		
Maiden First	T. H. Caldwell Maiden	26	22	49	61	43	56	102	25		383	225	Yes	No	16	35	310 28	140 13
Mount Ruhama	Lee Campbell R-2, Newton	15		17	28	29	32	53	13		187	150	Yes	No		1		
Mount Zion	L. H. Helderman Alexis	7						60			67	45	No	No	8	3		
Mountain Grove	C. S. Echerd Hickory	11	17	19	23	16	34				120	60	Yes	No	4	7	87 67	70 31
Mountain View	W. W. Moore Maiden																	
Newton First	G. C. Hewitt Newton	26	21	48	55	14	106	52	60		382	202	No	No	5	26	247 72	150 00
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant Newton	13	20	25	43	11	36	40			188	169	No.	No	1	5	147 78	60 79
Olivet	J. C. Saunders Long Island	20	17	31	42	53	58	36	12		269	124	Yes	No	11	19		
Penelope	W. A. Cook West Hickory	36	40	60	64	47	23	76	23		369	190	Yes	No	25	24	25 00	
Piney Grove	E. F. Barker R-1, Claremont	6			10	5		24			45	30	No	No			9 07	9 46
Providence	M. S. Brittain Vale	18	11	15	28	20	16	44	8	6	166	47	Yes	No	9		18 00	
Reepsville	McKinley Sronce Vale	16	6	9	16	14	18	20	6		105	91	Yes	Yes	13	14		
River View	A. E. Weaver R-5, Lincolnton	12	38	32	25	35	30	88			260	150	Yes	No	1	2	141 78	86 20
Salem	P. S. Helms Lincolnton	7	8	11	5	36		18			85		No	No	3	4	124 93	16 54
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	4			16	10	16	13			59	35	Yes	No				
Southside	E. L. Carpenter Lincolnton	22	24	18	30	20	26	37	10		187	114	Yes	No	4		260 73	67 87
Startown																		
Warlicks	G. C. Church Connelly Springs	11	14	15	20	12	20	14	17		123	88	Yes	No		6		
		625	594	767	1030	821	976	1687	349	84	6935	121			282	367	$3 287 69	$1 868 86

TABLE III. CHURCH PROPERTY, ETC., SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	Church Organized	Church Owns House of Worship	When Built	Materials Used	Seating Capacity	No. Rooms	Sunday School Provided For	Value Church House & Grounds	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Antioch	C. C. Devine, Lincolnton	1922	Yes	1923	Wood	300	1	No	$ 1 000	$	$ 1 000	$
Bethel	R. W. Long, R-2, Lincolnton	1895	Yes	1896	Wood	300	1	No	600		600	
Brookford	B. B. Bishop, Brookford	1910	Yes	1910	Brick	300	16	Yes	20 000		20 000	500
Catawba	C. W. Ervin, Catawba	1874	Yes	1875	Brick	300	1	No	5 500		5 500	
Centerview	J. F. Hovis, R-1, Maiden	1915	Yes	1915	Wood	500			3 000		3 000	
Corinth	Elma Stallings, R-4, Vale	1840	Yes	1885	Wood	300	1	No	2 500		2 500	
Denver	H. N. Abernethy, Charlotte	1814	Yes						1 500		1 500	
Faith	B. E. Ballard, Iron Station	1905	Yes						1 200		1 200	
Gainsville	C. C. Houser, Crouse	1923	Yes						2 500		2 500	
Goodsonville	J. P. Williams, R-3, Lincolnton	1922	Yes	1922	Wood	700	9	Yes	4 200		4 200	600
Hickory First	E. L. Fox, Hickory	1870	Yes	1900	Brick	800	30	Yes	120 000	5 000	125 000	15 000
West Hickory	W. S. Abernethy, Hickory	1907	Yes	1905	Brick	400	18	Yes	12 000	2 000	14 000	2 500
Highland	G. G. Bolch, Hickory	1912	Yes	1912	Brick	300	35	Yes	25 000	5 000	30 000	3 000
Lawings Chapel	G. S. Caldwell, R-4, Maiden	1908	Yes	1908	Wood	500	1	No	2 000		2 000	
Leonards Fork	J. W. Hoover, Crouse	1882	Yes	1882	Wood	300	1	Yes	1 000		1 000	
Lincoln Avenue	W. K. Stover, Lincolnton	1910	Yes	1927	Brick	500	11	Yes	10 000		10 000	3 300
Lincolnton First	E. T. Childs, Jr., Lincolnton	1859	Yes	1921	Brick	450	25	Yes	75 000	5 000	80 000	11 666
Macedonia	W. A. Potts, R-3, Lincolnton	1834	Yes	1922	Brick	500			10 500		10 500	
East Maiden	Edd. Williams, Maiden	1927	Yes	1927	Wood	400	8	Yes	4 000		4 000	1 000
Maiden First	T. H. Caldwell, Maiden	1891	Yes	1930	Brick	600	20	Yes	20 000	3 000	23 000	6 604
Mount Ruhama	G. W. Caldwell, R-2, Newton	1816	Yes	1913	Wood	500	1	Yes	3 500		3 500	
Mount Zion	M. J. Hager, Alexis	1869	Yes		Wood	500	1	No	2 100		2 100	
Mountain Grove	G. F. Huffman, Hickory	1881	Yes	1881	Wood	300	3	Yes	2 250		2 250	
Mountain View	M. O. Gilleland, Maiden	1854	Yes		Wood	500			2 500		2 500	
Newton First	Miss Rose Moose, Newton	1881	Yes	1881	Brick	400	10	Yes	25 000	6 000	31 000	
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant, Newton	1921	Yes	1923	Wood	300	2	Yes	1 800	2 000	3 800	770
Olivet	F. B. Tilley, Long Island	1833	Yes	1884	Wood	300	12	Yes	2 000	1 600	3 600	
Penelope	M. C. Abee, W. Hickory	1888	Yes	1884	Wood	400	28	Yes	7 000	3 000	10 000	1 600
Piney Grove	Lee Setzer, Newton	1904	Yes		Wood	350	1	No	500		500	
Providence	Mrs. Roy Whitener, Vale	1878	Yes		Wood	400	5	Yes	2 000		2 000	
Reepsville	G. L. Rhyne, Vale	1878	Yes	1878	Wood	200	1	No	1 000		1 000	
River View	E. L. Johnston, R-6, Lincolnton	1897	Yes	1922	Wood	500	7	Yes	5 000	2 000	7 000	
Salem	Clarence Helms, Lincolnton	1849	Yes	1930	Brick	500	3	Yes	2 500		2 500	
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station	1884	Yes	1900	Wood	300	1	Yes	600		600	
Southside	Alice Huss, Lincolnton	1925	Yes	1926	Wood	400	9	Yes	3 200		3 200	
Startown	J. T. Botts, Newton		Yes						500		500	
Warlicks	E. T. Berry, Icard	1875	Yes	1875	Wood	50	1	Yes	1 500		1 500	
									$384 450	$ 34 600	$419 050	$ 46 540

TABLE IV. GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK, SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	TREASURER	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repair and Debt	Incidentals	S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S. Literature	Help to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total For Local Church Work
Antioch		$ 31 76	$ 17 00	$	$ 20 00	$ 200 00	$	$	$	$	$ 268 76
Bethel		100 20				2 00	42 00				144 20
Brookford	B. B. Bishop, Brookford	1 108 30		219 58	883 00	123 80	138 16		5 40		2 478 24
Catawba	J. H. L. Coulter, Catawba	400 00		145 18		70 07	145 68	6 00	3 00	41 30	811 23
Centerview	R. M. Turbyfill, R-1, Maiden	188 26		33 02			3 34		2 40	35 78	262 80
Corinth	W. A. Whisnant, R-1, Hickory	200 00		32 19		42 52	64 33		2 40		341 44
Denver		95 00							1 00		96 00
Faith	Lusele Ballard, Alexis	50 00		23 00		1 00					74 00
Gainsville	Wm. Engle, Lincolnton	300 00			100 00	50 00	30 00		1 00	4 00	485 00
Goodsonville	H. R. Wilkinson, R-3, Lincolnton	1 300 00		73 90	453 24	105 30	83 86		3 00	117 63	2 136 93
Hickory First	H. G. Stephens, Hickory	3 600 00	420 00	136 50	3 121 68	1 208 88	536 43	71 03	25 00	792 46	9 911 98
West Hickory	C. H. Brittain, R-1, Hickory	1 464 90		126 00	780 00	156 00	200 00	20 00		10 00	2 756 90
Highland	P. O. Frye, Hickory	2 500 00		191 20	1 608 38	537 34	389 54	49 20	7 00	273 71	5 556 37
Lawings Chapel	J. J. Henry, R-4, Lincolnton	166 87		27 40		11 00	46 70	10 00	1 30	10 20	273 47
Leonards Fork	J. W. Hoover, Crouse	192 88		27 00			12 00		1 00	7 00	241 88
Lincoln Avenue	W. Hallman, Lincolnton	805 00			103 30					66 27	974 57
Lincolnton First	M. T. Leatherman, Lincolnton	2 291 63	240 00	327 36	1 800 84	808 08	237 18		5 00	26 68	5 736 77
Macedonia	N. P. Williams, Lincolnton	211 50		50 00		46 30	13 47		3 00		324 27
East Maiden	V. S. Turbyfill, Maiden	375 00	20 00	30 00	123 70	100 00	80 00	5 00	3 00		736 70
Maiden First	Tom Carpenter, Maiden	2 000 00	10 84	48 38	6 516 15	163 07	115 81		3 00	6 40	8 863 65
Mount Ruhama	Robt. Drum, R-2, Newton	365 89		40 00	300 00	41 44	50 85				798 18
Mount Zion	E. A. Sadler, Alexis	258 80		33 00		13 00	16 00	3 00			323 80
Mountain Grove	C. S. Echerd, Hickory	430 00		45 25	133 19	2 70	55 75		2 50	31 92	701 31
Mountain View	Carl Killian, Maiden	226 00		65 00		16 40			1 50		308 90
Newton First	J. Y. Killian, Newton	1 800 00			346 58	259 15	247 72		5 00	141 27	2 799 72
North Newton	H. C. Love, Newton	600 00		46 00		58 05	74 43			15 25	793 73
Olivet	W. W. Ervin, R-2, Catawba	900 00		75 00	30 00	75 55	120 00	15 00	3 50	87 90	1 306 95
Penelope	G. S. Robinson, R-4, Hickory	1 422 72			380 00					654 94	2 457 66
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy, Catawba	79 50		21 50			9 07				110 07
Providence	D. W. Brittain, Vale	221 64		50 00	109 93		18 00		3 00		402 57
Reepsville	Marvin Sronce, Lincolnton	360 00		57 00	5 25		35 36	14 70	1 50		473 81
River View	S. A. Hutchins, R-5, Lincolnton	1 200 00		54 49	54 28		62 50	33 45	3 00		1 407 72
Salem	J. R. Avery, Lincolnton	172 87		5 00	1 600 00		24 93				1 802 80
Sharon	Jessie Dellinger, Iron Station	100 00		16 40			13 50				129 90
Southside	Frank Parker, Southside	302 67		28 06	415 21	26 00	101 65	63 60			937 19
Startown	Mrs. G. W. Wilson, Newton	70 00									70 00
Warlicks	W. T. Mull, Icard	256 77		27 80		5 12	30 00	50 00		25 89	395 58
		$26 148 16	$ 707 84	$ 2 055 21	$18 884 73	$ 4 122 77	$2 998 26	$ 340 98	$ 86 50	$ 2 350 60	$57 695 05

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, ETC., SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	Co-Operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian Education	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total to Co-Operative Program and Missions	Grand Total Local Expenses, Missions and Benevolences	Number Tithers	Pledge to Co-Operative Program Next Year
Antioch	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 268 76		$
Bethel						15 00				15 00	159 20		
Brookford	48 80		10 42	6 64		48 16	9 39		2 89	126 30	2 604 54	50	125 00
Catawba		47 98	13 52	26 64	5 18	115 03	5 15		16 10	229 60	1 040 83		
Centerview		5 12	1 56	3 08		30 18	4 06			44 00	306 80		
Corinth	31 57	50 57				45 84				127 98	469 42		82 14
Denver	7 00									7 00	103 00		
Faith											74 00		
Gainsville	11 45									11 45	496 45		
Goodsonville	37 30		4 71	4 71		110 99			7 66	165 37	2 302 30	9	100 00
Hickory First	3 274 24	237 36	107 49	100 00	735 80	656 78	108 60			5 220 27	15 132 25	100	3500 00
West Hickory	15 00	5 50	7 00	12 00			7 00			46 50	2 803 40	20	
Highland	1 110 45	43 88	10 85	2 00	121 50	157 57	30 25		16 30	1 492 80	7 049 17	100	1200 00
Lawings Chapel		5 41	2 05	2 76	85	15 55	2 95	2 10		31 67	305 14		
Leonards Fork	23 15		10 00				8 15			41 39	283 18		
Lincoln Avenue											974 57		
Lincolnton First	550 45					157 35			298 00	1 005 80	6 742 57	12	720 00
Macedonia	26 24				41 50	9 07	3 00			79 81	404 08	1	
East Maiden	46 00	8 00			18 00					72 00	808 70	10	50 00
Maiden First		46 30	4 90			94 48	12 15	2 30		160 00	9 023 78	48	
Mount Ruhama	57 59									57 59	855 77		
Mount Zion			23 00	23 35		20 00				66 35	390 15	2	
Mountain Grove	59 69	17 65	6 00	9 00		122 57	5 63			220 54	921 85		75 00
Mountain View		19 25				13 42				32 67	341 57		
Newton First	25 00	20 25	28 85	30 25		150 00			49 00	303 35	3 103 07		
North Newton		20 00		3 00	5 00	30 79	2 00			60 79	854 52		
Olivet	168 74	49 61	12 55	13 00		27 84	8 16		211 00	490 90	1 797 85	1	
Penelope	174 04								68 90	242 94	2 700 60	100	240 00
Piney Grove						8 46	1 00			9 46	119 53		
Providence									82 12	82 12	484 69		
Reepsville	42 72					27 69	6 23		2 50	79 14	552 95		
River View	120 91					86 20				207 11	1 614 83	4	120 00
Salem						16 54				16 54	1 819 34		
Sharon	29 90	5 00		3 80		7 00	2 00			47 70	177 60		
Southside	19 95			5 10		53 02				78 07	1 015 26		50 00
Startown	9 00									9 00	79 00		
Warlicks											395 58		
	$5889 19	$ 576 88	$ 247 90	$ 245 33	$ 927 83	$2019 53	$ 215 72	$ 4 40	$ 754 47	$10 881 25	$68 576 30	457	

TABLE VI. B. Y. P. U. STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	DIRECTOR (*Denotes Senior President)		No. of B. Y. P. U.'s	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total No. Daily Bible Readers	Total No. Taking Study Course	Total No. Systematic Givers	Standard B. Y. P. U.'s	Students in Baptist Colleges
Antioch													
Bethel													
Brookford	J. R. Holtszclaw	Brookford	4	10	18	14	13	55	54	44	45		
Catawba	H. A. Witherspoon	Catawba	2		11	19		30	13	24	26		1
Centerview													
Corinth	R. W. Abernethy	Newton	2		25		21	46	21		35		
Denver													
Faith													
Gainsville													
Goodsonville	H. R. Wilkenson	R-3, Lincolnton	3		26	16	16	58	19		33		
Hickory First	Louis Bogle	Hickory	6	36	32	50	54	172	100	155	154	6	
West Hickory	*Mrs. W. L. Goodson	West Hickory	3		20	13	15	48	22	25	24		
Highland	R. A. Self	Hickory	6	18	21	33	35	107	44	58	64	3	1
Lawings Chapel													
Leonards Fork													
Lincoln Avenue	Margie Hallman	Lincolnton	2		9		13	22	6	22	22		
Lincolnton First	R. H. Harrill	Lincolnton	3		15	22	25	62	34	36	62		1
Macedonia													
East Maiden	R. B. Cook	R-4, Lincolnton	2		20		25	45	25	38	15	2	2
Maiden First	*E. B. Goodin	Maiden	3		20	27	18	65					
Mount Ruhama													
Mount Zion													
Mountain Grove													1
Mountain View													
Newton First													
North Newton													2
Olivet	*Wade Saunders	Long Island	3		17	17	16	50					1
Penelope	J. B. Phillips	R-4, Hickory	5	24	20	26	30	100	50	48	80		
Piney Grove													
Providence													
Reepsville													
River View													
Salem													
Sharon													
Southside													
Startown													
Warlicks													
			44	88	254	237	281	860	388	450	560	11	9

TABLE VII W. M. S. AND AUXILIARY STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	W. M. S. PRESIDENT	Total No. Organizations	W. M. S. Enrollment	Y. W. A. Enrollment	G. A. Enrollment	R. A. Enrollment	Sunbeam Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Mission Study Class Enrlmnt	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions and Benevolences
Antioch										$	$
Bethel											
Brookford	Mrs. W. C. Laney, Brookford	2	12				23	35			11 99
Catawba	Mrs. C. B. Wise, Catawba	1	9					9		54 30	
Centerview											
Corinth											
Denver											
Faith											
Gainsville											
Goodsonville	Mrs. I. A. Hallman, Goodsonville	1	12					12		140 50	15 89
Hickory First	Mrs. W. L. Boatright, Hickory	7	90	20	30	14	30	184	60	105 07	2073 79
West Hickory	Mrs. C. R. Hawn, Hickory	1	15					15	10	90 00	26 00
Highland	Mrs. W. T. Harris, Hickory	5	69	8	8	7	9	101	17		712 64
Lawings Chapel	Mrs W. M. Lowing, R-4, Lincolnton	1	5					5	5	3 00	5 71
Leonards Fork											
Lincoln Avenue	Mrs. L. P. Mull, Lincolnton	1	10					10	9		
Lincolnton First	Mrs. T. V. Lineberger, Lincolnton	6	45	18	31	10	31	135	60		
Macedonia											
East Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams, Maiden	1	15					15			
Maiden First	Mrs J. C. Heffner, Maiden	1	30					30		391 39	20 00
Mount Ruhama											
Mount Zion											
Mountain Grove											22 00
Mountain View											
Newton First	Mrs. G. V. Tilley, Newton	2	40				20	60	20		112 35
North Newton											
Olivet	Mrs. C. M. Robinson, R-2, Catawba	2	10					10			
Penelope	Mrs. W. A. Cook, West Hickory	3	30	14			12	56		25 00	107 71
Piney Grove											
Providence											
Reepsville											
River View	Mrs. S. A. Hutchins, R-5, Lincolnton									14 70	77 76
Salem											
Sharon											
Southside	Allice Huss, Lincolnton	1	12					12		72 90	10 20
Startown											
Warlicks											
		35	404	60	60	31	125	689	181	$ 896 86	$3196 04

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To Preach Introductory Sermon ..... Rev. M. I. Inscrls

Alternate ..... Rev. L. A. McClure

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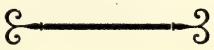

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Alternate.....Rev. L. A. McClure

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.
2. The objects of this Association shall be, to educate to the ministry, men called of God and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel throughout the bounds of the Association; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible by all our people; to promote the work of the Bible School and the Young People and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in all departments of their work.
3. This Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the several member churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association, and chairmen of all standing committees. Each church of one hundred members or less shall be entitled to two messengers, and for each additional hundred members, an additional messenger; provided, that no church shall have more than five messengers.
4. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Association and shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Association.
5. There shall be an Executive Committee for the Association, consisting of six (6) members, two from each section of the Association, together with the Moderator, who shall be a member of the Committee by virtue of his office. The six (6) members shall be selected in the following manner, one from each section of the Association to serve for one year; one from each section of the Association to serve for two (2) years; and one from each section of the Association to serve for three (3) years. The Moderator shall appoint on the first day of the Association a committee of three (3) to bring before the Association recommendations for members of the Executive Committee to take places of those who are retiring, and to fill any vacancies that may occur from time to time. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions and report annually to the Association and bring to the Association such recommendations as they may consider wise.
6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present on the first or second day of the Association.
7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at ten A. M. The hours for the convention of further sessions of the Association shall be fixed by the Moderator, or by the Program Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Moderator.
8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee for each annual association, composed of three members, one of which shall be the pastor of the church with which the Association will meet. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a program for the next annual meeting.

BY - LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The number of the messengers shall be ascertained each day previous to proceeding with the business of the Association.
3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one else to preside if he wishes to vacate the chair.
4. The Parliamentary Procedure shall be in accordance with "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Practice" which shall be final authority on any question of procedure arising during the deliberation of the Association.
5. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and shall superintend the printing of the minutes.

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Associational Directory

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

L. L. HATFIELD, Hickory, N. C. ..... Moderator
REV. E. F. SULLIVAN, Hickory, N. C. ..... Vice-Moderator
R. H. HARRILL, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Clerk
J. Y. KILLIAN, Newton, N. C. ..... Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Expires 1932	Term Expires 1933	Term Expires 1934
J. Y. Killian, Newton	S. A. Rhodes, Lincolnton	T. H. Caldwell, Maiden
R. H. Harrill, Lincolnton	C. S. Echerd, Hickory	R. A. Self, Hickory

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Rev. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory, N. C. ..... Associational Superintendent
R. M. Perry, Hickory, N. C. ..... Superintendent Hickory District
C. W. Ervin, Catawba, N. C. ..... Superintendent Newton District
J. T. Whisnant, Lincolnton, N. C., R-4 ..... Superintendent Maiden District
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse, N. C. ..... Supt. Lincolnton District
H. R. Wilkinson, Lincolnton, N. C., R-3 ..... Supt. E. Lincolnton District
R. H. Harrill, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Secretary-Treasurer

(Meets Monthly)

W. M. U. CONVENTION

Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Hickory, N. C. ..... Associational Superintendent
Mrs. T. Thos. McLean, Sr., Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Associate Ass'n Supt.
Mrs. G. W. Tobey, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Secretary
Mrs. T. V. Lineberger, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Treasurer
Mrs. M. I. Harris, Hickory, N. C., R-4 ..... Leader, Hickory District
Mrs. C. C. Canipe, Newton, N. C. ..... Leader, Newton-Maiden District
Mrs. W. S. Lander, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Leader, Lincolnton District
Mrs. J. R. Cantrell, Newton, N. C. ..... Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. W. L. Boatright, Hickory, N. C. ..... Personal Service Chairman
Mrs. E. N. Carr, Hickory, N. C. ..... Young Peoples Leader
Miss Myrtle Campbell, Hickory, N. C. ..... Y. W. A. Director

(Meets at Different Time)

B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

Mr. Louis Bogle, Hickory, N. C. ..... Associational President
Mr. W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Associate Ass'n. President
Mr. Chester Perry, Hickory, N. C. ..... President, Hickory District
Rev. J. R. Cantrell, Newton, N. C ..... President, Newton District
Miss Ophelia Cook, Lincolnton, N. C., RFD ..... President, Maiden District
Miss Iris McClure, Alexis, N. C. ..... President, Lincolnton District
Miss Myrtle Campbell, Hickory, N. C. ..... Secretary-Treasurer
Miss Susie Danner, Catawba, N. C. ..... Intermediate Leader
Miss Mary Harris, Hickory, N. C., R-4 ..... Junior Leader
Miss Margaret Honeycutt, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Pianist
Mr. James Holsclaw, Brookford, N. C. ..... Chorister

(Meets at Different Time)

Associational Missionary or Worker ..... None
Standing Committees ..... None
Representative of Laymen's Movement ..... None
Officers of any State or Southern Organization living within Ass'n ..... None

List of Messengers
(1931 SESSION)

ANTIOCH	Not Reported.	
BETHEL	Ed. Ross, R. A. Long*, Mr. Martin*.	Vis. 0
BROOKFORD	Mrs. Seth Miller*, Mrs. B. B. Bishop*, Miss Dora Bright*.	Vis. 8
CATAWBA	H. A. Witherspoon*, Mrs. H. A. Witherspoon*, N. A. Pope*.	Vis. 0
CEDAR GROVE	John Baird*, John Rhodes*.	Vis. 1
CENTER VIEW	G. M. Norwood*, J. P. Turbyfill*, S. O. Hovis*, M. C. Laney.	Vis. 6
CORINTH	F. R. Bumgardner*, Mrs. F. R. Bumgardner*, R. M. Stallings*, Miss Cletus Speagle*, C. V. Stallings*.	Vis. 3
DENVER	B. L. Beal*, Mrs. H. B. Caldwell, Mrs. B. L. Beal (A)*.	Vis. 0
FAITH	B. E. Ballard*, Ralph Witherspoon*.	Vis. 1
GAINSVILLE	William Ingle*, T. C. Cunningham*, Scott Campbell*, Henry Bridges.	Vis. 1
GOODSONVILLE	H. R. Wilkinson*, Mrs. H. R. Wilkinson*, H. V. Ross, R. L. Wilson*, W. A. Setzer (A)*.	Vis. 9
HICKORY FIRST	J. W. Bowles*, Mrs. C. C. Craft*, W. T. Sledge*, C. W. Ellington*, Mrs. J. M. Cox, J. F. Click (A)*.	Vis. 15
WEST HICKORY	O. F. Annis, W. G. Abernethy*, J. R. Pierce*, Mrs. Robt. Hawn.	Vis. 5
HIGHLAND	R. A. Self*, W. B. Duncan, Lee Frye, A. E. Croom*, Mrs. R. A. Self*, Mrs. A. T. Fox (A)*.	Vis. 5
KID'S CHAPEL	Not Reported.	
LAWINGS CHAPEL	Mrs. W. W. Caldwell*, Mrs. J. G. Henry*, Mrs. Arch Laney*, W. H. Caldwell*	Vis. 5
LEONARD'S FORK	Jack Heavner*, Miss Letha Heavner*, Mrs. J. W. Hoover*.	Vis. 1
LINCOLN AVE.	Miss Ruth Eurey*, Mrs. Nancy Caldwell*, Mrs. W. W. Caldwell*, Clarence Hallman*, June Hallman*.	Vis. 0
LINCOLNTON 1st	L. V. Padgett*, Mrs. W. L. Abernethy, Mrs. T. V. Lineberger*, Mrs. A. C. Robinson*, Mrs. S. D. Honeycutt*, Miss Pauline Cornwell (A)*.	Vis. 11
LONG SHOALS	P. A. Kiser*, J. X. Axson*	Vis. 0
MACEDONIA	N. P. Williams, J. P. Armstrong*, S. F. Lee*, W. T. McAllister*, W. H. Harris (A)*	Vis. 6
EAST MAIDEN:	G. S. Whisnant*, R. B. Cooke*, Coy Auten, E. H. Williams*, Zane Turbyfill (A)*, N. E. Laney (A)*.	Vis. 20
MAIDEN FIRST	M. C. Pamel*, Grover Taylor, Ray Danner*, W. C. Laney*, C. C. Taylor*, Mrs. Pearl Carpenter (A)*.	Vis. 58

MT. RUHAMA	Frank Ballard*, S. M. Abernethy*, Rans Campbell*, Robt. Drum*, G. W. Caldwell*	Vis. 15
MOUNT ZION	L. H. Helderman*, W. H. Ballard, Mrs. L. A. McClure*, Garmon Hovis*	Vis. 1
MTN. GROVE	C. S. Echerd*, J. B. Rachet*, G. H. Huffman*.	Vis. 0
MTN. VIEW	W. W. Moore*, M. O. Gilleland*, R. L. Dellinger, Horace Lawing.	Vis. 2
NEWTON FIRST	A. L. Erwin*, Mrs. C. C. Canipe*, Mrs. Perry Hewitt, Mrs. G. P. Coulter*, J. A. Capps.	Vis. 14
NORTH NEWTON	Mrs. W. N. Whisnant, C. J. Stewart*, Fred Lee*, Mrs. Fred Lee, Mrs. B. M. Burke*, Mrs. J. R. Murray*	Vis. 29
OLIVET	W. W. Ervin*, E. G. Abernethy*, J. B. Fisher, J. N. Arndt*, R. E. White*.	Vis. 4
PENELOPE	John Harris, Mrs. M. I. Harris*, Mrs. A. C. Sneed*, Mrs. L. R. Fry*, W. T. Philipps.	Vis. 1
PINEY GROVE	J. P. Abernethy*, P. E. Caldwell, Lee Setzer.	Vis. 1
PROVIDENCE	M. S. Brittain*, Ted Richie, T. S. Abee*, Miss Gladys Young*, Miss Carrie Hudson*, Nan Brittain*.	Vis. 1
REEPSVILLE	A. L. Clark*, Chas. Sronce*, Lessie Sronce*, McKinley Sronce*.	Vis. 3
RIVER VIEW	G. W. Punch*, Mrs. G. W. Punch*, Mrs. Ceilie Fox*, E. L. Johnson*.	Vis. 11
SALEM	Clarence Helms*, Mrs. Clarence Helms*.	Vis 2
SHARON	Ralph Dellinger*, Miss Elizabeth Reel*, Miss Edna Lineberger*.	Vis. 0
SOUTHSIDE	Mack Parker*, Edd Carpenter, Miss Alice Huss.	Vis. 1
STARTOWN	Not Reported.	
WARLICK'S	W. C. Beam*, Mrs. W. C. Beam*, L. Berry, J. C. Icard*, Mrs. John Sides, Stanley Berry, R. S. Icard (A)*, Miss Ailene Glass (A)*.	Vis. 6

Note: The symbol * denotes actual attendance at one or more services of the Association.

Note: The symbol (A) denotes Alternate Messenger.

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Asosciation Officers	3
Pastors and Ministers	23
Official Messengers and Alternates	125
From Associational Churches (other than messengers)	252
State Officers and Representatives	3
Visitors from Local Community	42
Visitors from Outside Association	34
TOTAL REGISTRATION	482

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY, OCTOBER 1, 1931; 10:00 A. M.

1. The South Fork Baptist Association convenes at 10 A. M. this the first day of October, A. D., 1931, with those in attendance as shown by the list of Messengers, and indicated present (*), in its 53rd annual session, with First Baptist Church, Maiden, in Catawba County, North Carolina.

2. Moderator L. L. Hatfield calls the Association to order. Song service is lead by Brother Williams of the local church.

3. In the absence of Rev. W. W. Marr, Rev. J. R. Link of East Maiden Church, conducted the devotional service. Rev. Link reads the 90th Psalm and comments thereon. The Association is lead in prayer by Brother Link.

4. The Association proceeds with the organization, and messengers having enrolled at the door, roll of churches is called and the messengers standing make response to the call of their church. Moderator Hatfield calls Rev. T. H. Roach to chair and after announcement that the messengers are duly enrolled as above set forth, he proceeds further with the business of the organization by the election of officers. The following are duly nominated and elected by acclamation.

L. L. Hatfield ..... Moderator.
E. F. Sullivan ..... Vice-Moderator.
J. Y. Killian ..... Treasurer.
R. H. Harrill ..... Clerk.

5. Moderator Hatfield reassumes chair and expresses his thanks for the honor of the office and pledges his best service toward fostering and promoting the affairs of the Association.

6. Brother O. E. Sams of Mars Hill and Rev. J. C. Yates of Statesville are recognized and introduced as visitors to this Association. The Moderator recognizes and pauses in thanks that Brother Osborne Brown, former Moderator for so many years, is present at this meeting of the Association.

7. Report on Biblical Recorder is presented, Rev. L. R. Williams, Pastor of East Maiden Church, reading the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder has had a very important part in the development of Baptist thought and life in North Carolina. It should have the hearty support of every Baptist in our state. For 96 years the

Recorder has been the organ of the North Carolina Baptist. During all this time, it has given its influence to the promotion of every department of denominational work. Its columns are used freely by the servants of the denomination who have charge of our institutions and various enterprises.

The chief aim of the Recorder is to be true to its name, to be theological in its teaching and to record the acts of the North Carolina Baptist from week to week. It is a faithful Recorder of the news as it makes its various visits into our homes.

But the Recorder is more than a denominational organ. It is a family paper as well. Its columns carry important matter into the home which gives information that every Baptist should have. It goes into our Baptist homes to teach and to inspire and to lead our people to do greater things for the cause of Christ. The best is none too good for our North Carolina Baptist homes. The future homes depend on the Christian culture of the homes this generation.

People are largely influenced by what they read. Therefore, it is very important to read wholesome literature. Our people need information and inspiration along all lines of our denominational work. The Biblical Recorder seeks to give information in the different departments of our work, including schools, churches, our Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U., and laymen's work, so we may be informed as to the best methods of doing our work. It also gives us information as to how our money is being used.

We cannot estimate the influence of the Christian home. The home circle in the Recorder offers help for the development of the spiritual and intellectual needs in every young church member. Our young people are in great need of good literature, which will counteract the floods of evil literature and influence the readers to live pure lives and be faithful servants of God. The Recorder has a great part in the development of Christian living in our homes.

And what is good for one Baptist home is good for many. One of the most interesting and efficient groups of Baptists in the world today is found in Sweden. So great is their missionary zeal that they send out one foreign missionary to every 600 members of their local churches. If the North Carolina Baptist would do as well in proportion, we would be sending ten missionaries to every one we are now sending. The unusual success of our Swedish Baptist is due largely to the fact that their Baptist paper goes every week into every Swedish Baptist home.

The circulation of the paper should be increased. There should be a deeper interest taken and a more extended cooperation in putting our denominational paper into every Baptist home. Therefore, we would urge that our leaders put forth an earnest effort to put the Biblical Recorder into every Baptist Home.

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. WILLIAMS

8. Upon motion to adopt, Chair recognizes Brother Williams to speak on this report, Brother Williams stating that representative of Biblical Recorder will be present later. Report is left open for discussion pending arrival of representative of this paper. In the event that representative of the Biblical Recorder does not arrive, Moderator appoints Rev. C. M. Robinson to represent State paper and take subscriptions.

9. Report on Women's Work is called and Mrs. O. Joe Howard of Hickory First Church reads the following:

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

Very early one beautiful spring morning some women came into Joseph's garden to anoint the body of one whom they loved; the body was not in the tomb, but the risen Saviour appeared to those women and said to them "Go tell."

Since then the women who love Jesus want the story told, and for this reason some other women banded themselves together into a Woman's Missionary Union, that through the giving of themselves in prayer and in gifts the story might be told throughout the whole world.

Go with me to Blowing Rock and there we will find a spring; the tiny beginning of the mighty Yadkin River, such an insignificant little beginning that you might wonder, can anything come of this? If it stood still, nothing more would be heard or seen of it, but it is not satisfied to stand still and be absorbed; instead it goes busily on its way, gaining power as it gives of itself.

In just some such way the W. M. U. of the South Fork Association had its beginning, when in 1899 Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, of Hickory, organized the first Woman's Missionary Society, at Dallas, with Mrs. A. F. Mason as president. Mrs. Gwaltney was the first superintendent of the association, and served faithfully for a number of years. She was succeeded by Mrs. Beeler Moore, of Gastonia, who was the efficient leader until the association was divided and the Gaston formed.

Knowing the importance of training young people, the first Y. W. A. was organized at Maiden, and was lead by Mrs. Eleanor Whiteside.

Rev. J. W. Watson, then pastor of the First Church, at Newton, feeling that the missionary training of the children in his church must not be neglected, began looking around for a Sunbeam leader of this first Sunbeam band of the association.

The life beautiful must be the outflowing life, and as the river is gaining in size and strength, as it gives of itself, so by 1908 the organization has grown in numbers and strength until it feels that the time has come when it would be best for the women to hold their annual meeting at a separate time and place from the regular associational meeting, and in this year this was decided upon.

In 1909 we find the women going to Linconton for their first separate meeting. The money gift this year was $975.

In 1912 the fourth annual meeting was held at Hickory, eighteen societies being represented.

1915 is a grief-stricken year for the whole State, as we bow in humble submission to God's will as He takes the beloved Miss Heck, President of the State W. M. U., home to Himself.

As the wheel of time has turned on the work has grown, until in 1919, believing that in a smaller organization they could serve God in a more efficient way, the Gaston withdrew from the mother association, as mentioned above.

1920 finds the association much smaller, but not discouraged; and, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Y. Killian, who succeeded Mrs. Moore, is determined, with God's help, to go on to even greater things for His glory.

1922 has a unique place in this history, as in that year the gifts

went beyond the apportionment, which was $3,090, and gave $3,839.

In 1923 we again bow to God's will; this time a double loss. Mrs. Killian, the beloved and efficient leader, was called home in January; and in November Mrs. S. T. Gaddy, who had followed Mrs. Killian in office on earth, followed her to the home in heaven.

Mrs. T. C. Singleton, of Maiden, was the fifth superintendent, having been elected in 1924. During the first year of her service she was in a serious automobile accident.

In 1925 the W. M. U. took a very definite step forward when it was divided into four districts. The Hickory, Newton, Maiden and Lincolnton Districts, with a chairman over each district.

By 1926 Mrs. Singleton felt that she must be relieved of the work, and Mrs. O. Joe Howard of Hickory, succeeded her in office.

The apportionment for 1930 was $3,100, again the Association gave more than the amount required.

Realizing perhaps as never before that the hope of the W. M. U. is in the young people, 1931 stands out as Y. W. A. year. In June we took 25 young women from the association to the Y. W. A. camp at Ridgecrest. Eternity alone will reveal what the camp meant to those who had the privilege of going.

As time goes on may the work of the Association grow in power and strength, in a way that is pleasing to God, in that everything may be done with an eye single to His honor and Glory.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. O. JOE HOWARD.

10. Upon motion to adopt this report, the chair recognizes Mrs. Howard who speaks on this report. She emphasizes particularly the Y. W. A. work of the W. M. U. and brings in detail the exact nature of the work that has been done by the Y. W. A. Dr. Sams of Mars Hill is recognized to speak on this subject and commends the report as given by Mrs. Howard but does not add further. Report is duly adopted.

11. Dr. Sams of Mars Hill College is introduced to the Association and being desirous of speaking on the College, addresses the Association. He informs the Association that the school is open this year with 440 students, earnest consecrated young people. Dr. Sams states that the rearing of children is the greatest job on the earth and urges that all parents give more thought to this serious matter, particularly to their education. He lays stress upon college education and more particularly religious college education.

12. The Association pauses for rest, stands and sings, "We're Marching to Zion."

13. Moderator turns the meeting over to Rev. E. F. Sullivan who introduces Rev. J. R. Cantrell, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Newton, a new pastor in this Association, who preaches the annual

sermon to the Association.

14. Rev. Cantrell reads the 26th chapter of Acts as Scripture lesson, choosing as his text the 19th verse of this chapter. Following the reading of this Scripture the Association is lead in prayer by Rev. G. V. Tilley, former pastor of Newton First Church. Rev. Cantrell delivers a timely, forceful and inspiring message.

15. Rev. Buchanan, Pastor of local church, in behalf of the First Church, Maiden, welcomes messengers and all in attendance at this Association, and invites them to lunch which has been prepared by the ladies of the church.

16. At this time the chair recognizes visitors to this Association; namely, Bro. C. B. Eller, Pastor in South Yadkin Association, Dr. and Mrs. G. V. Tilley, of Morganton, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Moose and Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Rimmer of the Mecklenburg Association.

17. The Moderator appoints the following committees:

To nominate two members of the Executive Committee to fill expiring terms: Rev. M. I. Harris, Rev. W. W. Marr, Bro. T. H. Caldwell.

To audit Treasurer's books: T. P. Pruitt, J. R. Link, Rev. R. G. Short.

To pass upon credentials of new church: Rev. E. F. Sullivan, J. W. Bowles, L. A. McClure.

18. The Association recesses for lunch hour and closing prayer is lead by Rev. J. B. Eller, Pastor First Baptist Church, Statesville.

AFTERNOON SESSION

19. The South Fork Baptist Association reconvenes at 1:30 P. M., this October 1, 1931, with song service conducted by Brother Williams. Rev. W. W. Marr, Pastor of West Hickory Church, reads the First Chapter of Romans as devotional service and comments thereon. The Association sings, "Amazing Grace," and is lead in prayer by Rev. J. B. Eller.

20. The program is changed at this time to have the Treasurer's report and J. Y. Killian of Newton First Church reads the following report:

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Loaned to the Town of Maiden	$1,850.00
Loaned to the Claremont Hosiery Mills	500.00
Loaned to W. D. Hursey, Claremont, N. C.	500.00
TOTAL	$2,850.00
Interest Collected on Notes for Year	$ 171.00
Savings Account and Interest on Same Collected	20.62
	$ 191.62
Paid to Miss Florella Erwin	150.00
Paid to Miss Ophelia Cook	37.50
On Hand	4.12
	$ 191.62

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN, Treasurer.

21. The committee appointed to audit the books of the Treasurer reports at this time, Chairman T. P. Pruitt of Hickory First Church reading the report:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have carefully examined the books of the Treasurer and find that all receipts have been properly accounted for and the Treasurer has vouchers showing disbursements as made.

We have examined the invested fund as shown in the Treasurer's report and find that he has records which are in proper condition. showing the notes and mortgage securing all funds. Our opinion is that all investments are well secured. We commend the Treasurer on the business-like way in which he has handled the invested funds of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. P. PRUITT, Chm.
R. G. SHORT,
J. R. LINK.

22. Brother Pruitt comments on this report and commends the Treasurer of this Association for his wise and efficient handling of funds. Both reports are duly adopted.

23. The hour having arrived for report on Foreign Missions, Rev. E. F. Sullivan reads the report as prepared by Rev. J. L. Teague, Pastor Mountain Grove Church.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are grateful to God for the privilege of having a part in the great work of giving the Gospel to a lost world, and especially are we grateful for His manifest blessings upon the work Southern Baptists are carrying on in foreign fields. Achievements in this field of activity have been peculiarly gratifying during the past year. It has been a year of revivals and large ingatherings on the foreign field. During the past year there were reported 14,415 baptisms, the largest number ever

reported in the history of foreign missions.

Then too our Mission Schools have been crowded and many turned away for want of accommodation. Our hospital work has made new records. Although they have been seriously handicapped for want of equipment, yet during the past year, 73,784 cases were treated, most of them being handled on the charity basis.

According to the last report we have 423 foreign missionaries, of whom 79 are at home on furlough, and 2052 native missionaries, who are operating in fourteen counties. During the past year our number of missionaries have been reduced by 22, sixteen having retired and six died. We have not sent out any new missionaries for some time, because of lack of funds. This is an appalling tragedy, since there are 125 on the waiting list to be sent out, to say nothing of great numbers who have passed the age limit while they waited.

We would not be pessimistic, but are reporting facts. Unless Southern Baptists wake up and change the direction of the present current facts of the affairs of missions we are in danger of allowing our work on foreign fields to collapse. In 1929 we suffered a loss in receipts for foreign missions of $206,369. In 1930 we suffered an additional loss of $264,721. We fear that the returns for 1931 will not show any improvement.

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham last May a Promotion Committee was appointed to lay this matter on the hearts of the Baptist people of our Southland. A campaign is planned to put on an every member canvass in every church November 29th to December 6th, trusting that the Lord may use this means to arouse his people to a new sense of their obligaiton to finance the Master's kingdom at home and abroad.

We need to be much in prayer about the foreign mission work, for, if we should fail to survive the present crisis, it would take long years to regain what we should lose.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. TEAGUE.

24. Motion is made to adopt this report and upon question being opened for discussion, Rev. Sullivan discusses the report and urges churches of this Association to support Foreign Mission work as well as local work, and more especially in these times of depression.

25. Moderator recognizes Mrs. Hurley, returned missionary from Roumania.

26. Pending arrival of state representatives for further discussion of the above report, the Chair proceeds with the hearing of other reports and presents Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Leonard's Fork Church, who reads the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is one of the great agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Following the instruction of the Convention the board is living within its income and gradually reducing its indebtedness. Last year, in spite of decreased receipts, the board by combining departments and practicing the most heroic economy, paid $141,000 on the principal of its indebtedness, and carried on its

mission work. Not one single mission field has been abandoned.

The budget for next year, at the annual meeting of the board held June 3rd, was laid out according to the instructions of the convention, on the basis of the cash receipts of the previous year. The receipts for this year were $413,283.96, this is $26,510.80 less than the board received last year. The board was thus forced to cut its expenses for this amount for this year's work. This reduction has been made in two ways; one, by giving missionaries more territory, two, by reducing its appropriations to its institutions. The board has definitely decided to reduce its indebtedness as rapidly as possible.

During the past year the board has had 252 missionaries and helpers who have given 3,162 weeks of labor; conducted 3,563 religious services; preached 9,373 sermons; made 51,356 religious visits; received by a profession of faith and baptism 3,502; distributed 634,514 pages of tracts. Is this work not worthy of your support?

This is, I feel, the greatest hour for Home Mssions in the history of our country. The problems were never more acute, the demands so urgent, the opportunities so great, and the obligations so overwhelming. This conviction I believe is growing with the thoughtful Christian, who realizes our great opportunity and obligation in reaching a lost world for Christ. Our country has become notorious for its disrespect for law; for its numerous murders, the increasing number of divorces granted, its spirit of commercialism and materialism. If we would save ourselves from deterioration and destruction, we must reach those within our borders with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it only is the "Power of God unto Salvation to every one that believes." There are millions of lost souls that we must reach for Jesus, there are millions of our own number that must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities. Let us come to the aid of the work of our Home Mission Board, and break the fetters that bind it, and release it to a greater usefulness in our Southland.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JOHN HOOVER.

27. Upon motion to adopt this report the chair recognizes Mrs. Hoover, who comments on same. Final adoption of this report is also deferred, pending arrival of state representatives, and Chair calls for the report on State Missions, and presents Rev. L. A. McClure who reads the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

From the very beginning of the organized life of North Carolina Baptists, State Missions have held a large place in the thinking and planning of our people. One of the primary objects in the minds of our fathers in the organization of the Convention, as stated in the first article of the Constitution, adopted at Greenville in 1830, was the employment of missionaries within the limits of this state. This has been the consistent and aggressive policy of the Baptist State Convention for more than a hundred years. The truth is, the wise and aggressive policy of State Missions humanly speaking has had a large part in making the denomination what it is in members and power in North Carolina today. Napoleon said: "Conquest has made me, what I am, and conquest will sustain me." That is certainly true of State missions, and the growth and enlargement of the Baptist Churches in North Carolina demonstrate the truth of it. Literally

hundreds of our strong Churches are trophies of State Missions.

We believe the need is just as great or perhaps greater now than it has ever been, for we know in the bounds of our own Association there is a great boundary along the Catawba River where there are hundreds of people who have not the privilege of a Baptist point to worship and many other places where the Churches are weak and need help. We believe to vacate these places is to sacrifice the right of the Baptist cause there. There is a movement on foot to consolidate some of our rural Churches. We trust it will never come about in our State, for we believe a Baptist Church in any community is the biggest thing in that community and worth more than anything else to the community. Many of our most faithful members have no way of conveyance except to walk, and we trust the Lord will put it in the hearts of our leaders and the people in general some plan and the means to carry on this greatest of all work in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. McCLURE.

28. Upon motion to adopt, the Chair recognizes Brother McClure who comments on the report. For rest the Association pauses and sings a hymn. Rev. J. B. Eller of Statesville, who is a member of the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, speaks in a general discussion on all three of the above reports, Rev. Eller being the only representative of the state officers. Brother Eller brings out the fact that Foreign Missions, Home Missions and State Missions are but divisions of the last command of Jesus in ordering that the Message be spread throughout the world. He states that our boards are facing collapse unless Baptist people come into the consciousness of their duty to God and His work. He cites differences of instances in this and previous years, bringing out that several years ago Baptists were sending 50 to 75 missionaries to foreign fields, and now, due to lack of funds, they are being recalled.

29. Brother Eller states that 2,000 Baptist Churches in North Carolina have little or no effective plan of financing the work of the Kingdom, and that approximately two thirds of the members of our Baptist Churches as a whole are doing little or nothing to count in the work of financing the Kingdom. A movement to correct this deplorable condition, Brother Eller states, is under promotion of the Every Member Canvass in November, the work of which will be the enlistment of every member in every church in the support of the local, state and southwide efforts.

30. The program running ahead of schedule and there being twenty minutes available, the Moderator gives the balance of the time for discussion of these reports, he placing before the Association the plans of the local Promotion Committee for the Every Member Canvass in November, Rev. Stroup, Chairman. Rev. Stroup states

that as yet there are only 19 churches of the 38 organized for this movement and urges that all others immediately organize for this movement and place the matter before their people.

31. It is moved, seconded and duly carried that the Association set the week of October 19th-23rd for the week in which a representative of the state shall come into the Association and conduct a school for training all workers for this Every Member Canvass. Amendment is offered to change this to a rotating system among the churches. The motion is lost and it is decided that the central place of meeting of this training school shall be in First Church, Maiden.

32. The motion to adopt the above three reports on Foreign, Home and State missions is carried upon vote and they are duly adopted.

53. There being time on the program, and the writer of the report on the Mills Home being present today which will not be the case tomorrow, the Chair recognizes L. V. Padgett, of Lincolnton First Church, Associational Representative of the Mills Home, who reads the following:

REPORT ON MILLS HOME.

At the last Annual Meeting there were present in the home 635 children, 135 of these at the Kennedy Home, near Kinston, which is a branch of the institution. There are also 286 children with 86 mothers cared for in their own homes by Mothers Aid. In round number, nine hundred are being cared for by the denomination.

These children have their health looked after, are fed, clothed and educated in school and out of school, with a view to their greatest happiness and usefulness. Three thousand more have received these blessings in greater or less degree during the forty-six years since the work began.

Now at a time when the help of the institution is needed most, contributions are falling off. Debt is piling up. Children with neither father nor mother, helpless widows and their children are turned hopeless away for lack of room and for lack of money.

However hard the times may be, a collection from every Sunday school, once a month, would save the situation. More than half the Sunday schools of our churches have sent no contributions at all during the first six months of this year.

Again we recommend:

1. That every Sunday school take a collection once a month, and forward to R. D. Covington, Thomasvile, N. C.

2. That a club of Charity and Children be taken by every Sunday school where it is possible. The paper is $1.00 a year to single subscribers, but in clubs of ten or more to one address, it is 60 cents a copy.

3. That a special Thanksgiving offering be made in every church and Sunday school at the proper time in November. This is the one great collection of the year and the last hope of saving from crushing

debt. Let it be made a thank offering equal to one day's work or income.

"Pure religion before God and the Father is this."

Surely every pastor will get behind these recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
L. V. PADGETT.

34. Upon motion to adopt Chair recognizes Brother Padgett to speak to this report and he comments on same, urging support of the orphanage. Subject is left open for discussion tomorrow by representative of the Mills Home.

35. The report of the Executive Committee is read at this time, R. A. Self, Chairman of this committee, reading the following:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committeee has had a number of meetings since the last meeting of this Association, and have paid strict attention to the affairs of the Association entrusted to it.

Our first consideration was that of appeals from the different churches for aid from the General Board. Only one application was received, this was approved and mailed to the General Board. We had application also during the year for aid of the widow of a deceased Baptist minister in this Association. This application was approved and is not on the waiting list of the Relief and Annuity Board.

The condition of the Scholarship Fund is excellent; Treasurer Killian is to be commended for his wise handling of funds of this Association and prompt collection of the interest thereon. Miss Erwin was re-awarded the scholarship to Wingate College for her second year, and Miss May Danner was awarded a scholarship to Mars Hill College, there being a vacancy for one scholarship.

The Committee, in pursuance to your instructions, fostered and promoted the Fifth Sunday Union meeetings in the various months and report herewith good meeetings on each occasion, but with a smaller representation of the different churches than what the Committee had wished. In this connection, we would like to strongly urge that the pastors and lay leaders in every church would watch for the announcement of these meetings and attend them. Likewise urge the attendance of a large delegation from each church. We commend these meetings to you as being well worth your time, as all phases of our local, state and southwide work are most intelligently brought out.

Your particular attention is called to the approaching Southwide Every Member Canvass, plans for which are already under way. Your cooperation with the Promotion Committee is urged.

In the present day depression our boards are suffering with every other business as well as every individual, and we would strongly urge that our people do as much for the Cooperative Program as they possibly can. This is a time of dire need on the part of all of our boards and every contribution, however small, should be forwarded promptly to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
SOUTH FORK BAPTIST EX. COMMITTEE
By R. A. Self, Chairman,
R. H. Harrill, Secretary.

36. Upon motion to adopt, Chair recognizes Brother Self who emphasizes the three points of this report as follows: Fifth Sunday Union Meetings, Every Member Canvass and support of the Co-operative Program. The report is duly adopted.

37. Under the head of miscellaneous business the following items are disposed of:

The following committees were appointed:

Committee to decide place and preacher: Rev. W. C. Laney, J. W. Hollingsworth, H. R. Wilkinson.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters: Rev. E. F. Hardin, C. W. Ellington, J. T. Whisnant.

38. The nomination committee to recommend names to fill expired terms of members of Executive Committee reports and recommends that R. A. Self and T. H. Caldwell be elected to fill expired terms, and that S. A. Rhodes be elected to fill unexpired term of R. M. Perry, or to serve until such time as Mr. Perry may resume his duties. Upon motion duly seconded and carried the persons hereby named are elected.

39. Committee to investigate credentials of new church reports and states that the church in question—Long Shoals Church—had formerly been a member of this Association and is not, therefore, a new church, and that the same is only to be reincluded in the records.

40. Upon motion duly seconded and carried the Association recesses at this hour (4:00 P. M.) until the hour of 7:15, evening of the same date. Meeting closes with singing of hymn and prayer lead by Brother J. C. Yates, of Statesville.

EVENING SESSION

41. The South Fork Baptist Association reconvenes this first day of October, A. D., 1931, at 7:15 P. M., in its third session of the current annual meeting. Devotional service of the evening is conducted by Mrs. W. E. Bost in the absence of her husband, and she reads Galatians 6:1-10 as scripture lesson and talks on the subject, "The Ideal Church," using the above reading as text matter. She makes an interesting talk, bringing out that it is every individual's duty to work toward the ideal church.

42. The Moderator compliments Mrs. Bost's message very highly, and then presents Brother McKinley Sronce of Reepsville Church, appointed writer on the subject, who reads the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School continues to be the most important school in our land. Our Christian teachers are more able to reach the lost all over our land for we have them from the Cradle Roll to the Adult Departments. Last year there were nearly three millions in the Baptist Sunday School of the South. Last year in North Carolina there were 2,195 schools with a membership of 346,693.

While there is much being done, the cry is still calling out, day and night; listen to these figures: there are five million white people in our towns and cities not enrolled in any Sunday School, while there are fifteen and three quarter million white rural people unenlisted in our territory. Look at us here in the South Fork Association! We are not doing our part toward enlisting them in our Sunday Schools. Surely God is urging you and me to go out and bring the lost unto Him.

In this day of bootleggers, pleasure-seekers and entertainments, it is time for us to make a halt and if we are not doing our part let us double our service toward doing God's Will.

The Sunday School Department has its objectives increased enrollment, better grading, better equipment, more officers and teachers winning the lost to Christ, and stressing Church and Denominational loyalty. Much of the work is being done through voluntary associational workers. This is as it should be, for in the first place we could never pay for all the work that needs to be done and to keep the workers in close touch with the local churches.

This Association is divided into five groups, with group Superintendents, as follows: Lincolnton District, Mrs. J. W. Hoover; East Lincolnton, H. R. Wilkinson; Maiden, G. S. Whisnant; Newton, C. W. Ervin; Hickory, R. M. Perry. No Association in this State has a more loyal group of workers than these. We hold monthly meetings throughout the year, discussing as topics the objectives mentioned above. The average attendance at these meetings was above the two hundrd mark and is still growing, with Rev. E. F. Sullivan leading.

Respectfully submitted,
McKINLEY SRONCE.

43. Upon motion to adopt, Moderator Hatfield recognizes Mr. Sronce, who emphasizes the essentials of his report. Mr. Sronce lays emphasis on the fact that the Sunday School is the place to win souls and that this can best be done by pulling together. The report is duly adopted.

44. Report on B. Y. P. U. is called and Mr. Louis Bogle of Hickory First Church, Associational B. Y. P. U. President, submits the following:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The Baptist Young Peoples Union is the greatest training agency of the young people in our denomination. Its object is to increase the spirituality of the young Christians; to train them in all essential Church activities; their edification in Scripture knowledge; to instruct them in Baptist doctrine and history; to enlist them in all forms of

missionary endeavor; to help young Christians find themselves in Kingdom Service; to cultivate the missionary spirit; to train them in Church fellowship and in social and recreational life. This is a great aim and a challenge task. We shall save our Churches of tomorrow by saving and training our young people of today. Wisdom has fled from us if we neglect longer this task of training in our state.

In the state there are 2,384 Baptist Churches, with a total of 2,596 Unions, 497 General Organizations, 690 Standard Unions, 18,928 Study Course Awards issued during the last convention year.

In our Association there are 37 Churches, 24 of this number having one or more Unions. This is splendid, but at the same time there are 13 Churches without a Union. We have 15 General Organizations in our Association. During the year we had 2 A-1 General Organizations and 17 A-1 Unions. There were 504 study course awards issued during the convention year.

We can also boast of the fact that we have in our Association the best city-wide B. Y. P. U. in the entire state. The Hickory City-Wide Union now holds that banner and that honor and that distinction.

We are proud of the work our Association as a whole is doing, but we won't be anything like satisfied until we have a standard B. Y. P. U. organization in every church in our Association and every Christian active in B. Y. P. U. work.

Respectfully submitted.
LOUIS H. BOGLE.

45. Upon motion to adopt, Moderator recognizes Mr. Bogle, who speaks on this report and stresses the matter of reports, urging that all charged with the responsibility of making report do this very promptly. Rev. Cantrell comments on this report and commends the B. Y. P. U. as a training agency, saying that proper planning is essential to any movement. The report is duly adopted.

46. Miss Ruby Padgett, talented singer of Lincolnton First Church, renders a vocal solo, singing the hymn, "Close to Thee."

47. Rev. Sullivan, Highland Church, introduces as the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. R. A. McFarland, of Gaffney, S. C., who addresses the assembly. Dr. McFarland speaks in the absence of Dr. Zeno Wall, and expresses his pleasure at being present. He uses the 12th chapter of Romans as the basis for his talk and tell the congregation that Paul, the writer of this book, gives his conception of what the Christian should do. Dr. McFarland quotes the first verse of this chapter as his text and delivers a very forceful and inspiring message.

48. Moderator Hatfield calls for recognition of all new ministers in the Association and Rev. Buchanan of the local church introduces Rev. J. R. Cantrell of Newton First Church as being the only new pastor in the Association who is present at this service. All ministers in the Association who are present at the service this evening are presented at the front for recognition. The Association recesses at this time until Friday morning, October 2nd, at nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1931

49. The South Fork Association reconvenes at nine A. M. on October 2, 1931 in the fourth session of the 53rd Annual Session. Song service is lead by Rev. S. A. Stroup, prayer is offered by Rev. W. W. Rimmer, of Mecklenburg Association. Devotional service is conducted by Brother Stroup who reads from the second Chapter of Acts and comments thereon. Prayer is lead by Brother J. A. McMillan, representative of the Mills Home.

50. Under the head of miscellaneous business: Moderator recognizes and welcomes pastor from the Mills Home, Rev. J. A. McMillan.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

To nominate delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: L. R. Williams, W. W. Marr, C. A. Abernethy.

To nominate three delegates to North Carolina Baptist State Convention: J. T. Whisnant, W. W. Ervin, H. B. Jones.

Brother L. V. Padgett is reelected for position of Mills Home Representative.

Mrs. Lillie McLean is reelected as representative of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Brother E. F. Sullivan is reelected as Sunday School Associational Director.

51. The Committee appointed at last annual session to suggest corrections in Constitution and By-Laws reports at this time and submits the amended Constitution, as appears on page 2 of these minutes, and same is duly adopted. The printed Constitution as appears on page 2 is and shall be the official Constitution of this body.

52. The Association proceeds with the regular program and calls for the report on North Carolina Hospital at Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Lillie McLean, of Lincolnton First Church, reads the following:

REPORT ON N. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

For eight years we have brought you the story of healing at the Baptist Hospital. Surely it bears the marks of Divine approval. Thousands have been healed and hundreds of lives saved. The last year has been our heaviest and our best. Contributions have been smaller, collections harder and free service greater. We are doing as

much charity per month as we did the entire first year of our existence.

We have many things to be thankful for. During the year, Mr. E. L. Davis, President of our Board of Trustees, presented the Hospital with Radium. It was a magnificent gift and is proving a glorious service to hundreds of our people. He has set a wonderful example of sacrifice and interest for our people. We need $5,000.00 right now to enlarge our equipment and improve our service. What a challenge is his gift to other Baptists of our state to help provide better facilities for saving human life among our people.

Another fine opportunity for furnishing a monumental service and for saving hundreds of lives is to remember the Hospital in your will. $15,000.00 will endow a bed and that bed will care for 24 persons per year on the average for all time. Think of it, you can just keep on saving the lives of fathers, mothers and children as the years come and go by such a provision in your will! Make plans to care for a bed or at least a part of a bed.

We need a larger patronage from Baptists who are able to pay for their care in the hospital. Our cost is as low as any well equipped institution; we have an equipment, a staff of physicians and nurses equal to the best. We have health conditions and an atmosphere unsurpassed. Our records show that our service is the very best. It will pay you to come to us when you are sick. And then, you will help us render a larger service for our needy sick.

We are now caring for about $5,000.00 worth of charity a month. But all the income we receive to meet this great amount spent for charity does not quite reach $3,000.00 a month; to carry all this difference in our overhead is impossible.

In order to meet this great demand, we are asking that the patient or the church asking charity will pay as much as $1.50 a day or about one third of the cost. If our people will cooperate in this way, we will be able to take care of all the calls and pay our bills. Otherwise we cannot, and we shall be compelled to turn many away or go out of business.

We beg of you that you will not forget us and the poor suffering Baptists, but that you will give us a larger offering on Mother's Day. We covet your interest and your prayers.

Bring your pay patients to us; send us your charity patients, and we will not fail you when you call on us, if you do not forget.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. T. McLEAN, SR.

53. Upon motion to adopt, Moderator recognizes Mrs. McLean who speaks on this report and emphasizes its different points. Mrs. McLean calls for open discussion on this subject and several respond, namely: Rev. E. F. Sullivan, Rev. M. I. Harris, and Rev. J. A. McMillian of the Mills Home.

54. In the absence of C. M. Robinson who was appointed yesterday to represent the Biblical Recorder, pending arrival of Recorder representative, Rev. J. R. Link is appointed as alternate representative.

55. Report on Christian Education is called and Rev. E. F. Hardin, Pastor First Church, Lincolnton, duly appointed writer on the subject, reads the following:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Our denominational schools and colleges have had their share of financial difficulties during the past year, but in spite of these difficulties the work has gone forward with gratifying results. Wake Forest had an enrollment of 621—Meredith 470—Chowan 129—Mars Hill 385—Wingate 188—Campbell 198 and Boiling Springs (owned not by the Convention but by three associations) 112. This makes a total of 2,103. As we think of these 2,100 students in our Christian institutions who are preparing themselves for a larger life, we can see a continuous flow of future Christian leadership throughout our state and into regions beyond which makes our hearts rejoice.

We owe a debt of gratitude to God for these institutions and for the sacrificial service and gifts of the men and women who have made them possible. It is from our Christian schools that we get the great majority of our preachers and Christian lay leaders. Our denominational schools do a work which is impossible for the State institutions to do. This work must continue. Unless the type of work done in them is different from that which the State does, then there is no justification for their existence.

Christian schools are sometimes beset with certain dangers which should be guarded against. No institution—not even a New Testament church—is immune from the possibility of danger, no matter how ideal it may be. If we would guard well the character of our schools we need to be alert to every adverse influence that may seek an entrance. Let us note three possible dangers:

First, there is the danger of securing and retaining a teacher who does not ring true to the Book of books. Our denominational schools have been, with few exceptions, free from the subtle influence of the Modernist—as we usually employ this term. However, when a teacher refuses to take a definite stand with reference to any fundamental Bible pronouncement, or fundamental belief held by Baptists, it is a silent confession on his part that he is not what orthodox Baptists have a right to expect him to be. Let it be said in all candor that no person is qualified to teach in our Christian schools who has not been redeemed by Christ, or, who, though claiming regeneration, places a question mark by the side of any teaching of the Holy Bible.

Second, there is a seeming tendency on the part of some of our denominational schools and colleges to exalt athletics to a plane of undue importance. This is looked on by the school authorites as a good method of advertising for the college. But such advertisement is not a true barometer by which we may measure the quality of work done; neither does it gauge the standard of Christian living among the faculty and students. This undue emphasis on athletics has led to a belief on the part of many people that partiality has been shown in favor of some who play on the team. We have no word of criticism for certain monetary inducements offered these athletes provided they are required to do the same work, both as to quantity and quality, that is required of the other students.

Third, there is the danger of being persuaded to allow secret fraternities in our Christian schools. We are aware of the fact that many people hold a different view from this, and while we would not argue the question in this report—since space does not permit—yet we have no hesitation in expressing our opinion that such fraternities have no place in the life of our denominational schools. Multiplied hundreds of dollars were lost to one of our Baptist institutions in another state last year, we understand, because the boys were allowed to leave the dormitories and take up their abode in their various fraternity houses.

However, the money question is a minor matter. In our judgment that institution suffered a greater loss in other respects than in the matter of money, although that was loss enough.

Let us keep our schools and colleges Christian. If this is done then we can afford to send our children to them in preference to a State University even though it costs us more to do so. Let us give our most hearty and sympathetic cooperation in the great task of promoting this important phase of our denominational life.

Respectfully submitted,
ELBERT F. HARDIN.

56. Upon motion to adopt, Moderator recognizes Brother Hardin who speaks to this report, emphasizing its important points. Report is duly adopted.

57. Moderator calls for report on Digest of Church Letters and C. W. Ellington of the committee reads as follows:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

We, the Committee on Digest of Church Letters, wish to submit the following report:

Baptisms	355
Additions by letter	266
Total additions	656
Losses by letter	225
Losses by exclusion and erasure	274
Total Losses	541
Net Gain	115
Present Membership	6553
Sunday School Enrolment	7047
Net Gain in Sunday School	112
B. Y. P. U. Enrollment	952
W. M. U. Enrollment	367
Total W. M. U. & Auxiliary Enrollment	799

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. HARDIN,
C. W. ELLINGTON,
J. T. WHISNANT.

58. Moderator states that in his opinion we are now coming to one of the most important hours of the session, that of the two-minute report from each church. Clerk calls roll of Churches in the Association for two minute reports. A representative from each church as indicated, gives report from his or her church as to statistics, enrollment of different organizations, operation during the year and the many phases of the year's work.

Brookford	W. C. Laney	Denver	C. M. Robinson
Catawba	H. A. Witherspoon	Faith	B. E. Ballard
Cedar Grove	John Rhodes	Gainesville	Rev. E. F. Sullivan
Center View	W. C. Laney	Goodsonville	H. R. Wilkinson
Corinth	Miss Cletus Speagle	Hickory First	C. W. Ellington

West Hickory.....W. S. Abernethy
Highland.....Rev. E. F. Sullivan
Lawings Cpl...Mrs. W. M. Lawing
Leonard's Fk.....Mrs. J. W. Hoover
Lincoln Ave.....Miss Ruth Eurey
Lincolnton 1st...Mrs. Lillie McLean
East Maiden...Rev. L. R. Williams
Maiden First.....T. H. Caldwell
Mount Zion.....Rev. T. H. Roach
Mtn. Grove.....Rev. J. L. Teague
Newton First.....Mrs. C. C. Canipe
North Newton....Rev. R. G. Short
Olivet.....W. W. Ervin
Penelope.....Rev. M. I. Harris
Piney Grove.....J. P. Abernethy
Providence.....M. S. Brittain
River View.....E. L. Johnson
Southside.....Rev. L. R. Williams
Warlick's.....Rev. C. A. Abernethy

59. Moderator recognizes and introduces Mr. Hugh F. Latimer, Eastern Representative of Relief and Annuity Board.

60. Pastor Bunchanan of the local church announces that lunch has been prepared by members of this church and that all messengers and visitors are invited to this lunch. The session closses with singing of hymn and prayer led by Rev. C. A. Abernethy, Pastor of Warlick's Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

61. The South Fork Association reconvenes at 1:10 P. M. this second day of October, 1931, in its fifth and final session of the 53rd Annual Session. Song service is lead by Rev. W. W. Marr, Pastor of West Hickory Church. Devotional period is in charge of Rev. C. M. Robinson, pastor of Denver and Piney Grove churches, who reads scripture lesson from the nineteenth chapter of John, 13th through 22nd verse, and comments thereon, bringing a fine discourse on "Christ and the Cross." Association is lead in prayer by Rev. E. F. Hardin, Pastor of Lincolnton First Church.

62. The Association hears further reports and Moderator calls T. H. Caldwell, authorized writer on Ministerial Relief and Annuity, who reads the following:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES.

More and more Southern Baptists are being aroused to the great obligation and privilege they have in making adequate provision for their disabled and aged servants, ministers and others, of Christ's Kingdom. Much credit is due to consecrated laymen for all that has been and is now being done with regard to ministerial relief. Though there is much to encourage, yet one is woefully alarmed as he surveys the fields to see so much indifference and ignorance to so worthy a cause. The lack of interest and cooperation is not due to a lack of love for our veterans of the Cross, but to a lack of proper understanding as to what is being done and could be done. No one can intelligibly

read the minutes of our associations and conventions along with literature from the Relief and Annuity Board relative to this noble cause and not be overwhelmed with a profound sense of gratitude.

It is impossible to give all necessary information in this brief report of our working Board, established in Dallas, Texas, in caring for our infirm and aged ministers. However, there are two things we need to get clearly in our minds, namely; two phases of relief. One phase we may call purely relief caring for the needy irrespective of personal contributions. This relief is sponsored: (1) By contributions of the churches of our cooperative program amounting to 3½% of all gifts. (2) By all interests accruing from investment from a created Reserve Fund. Had it not been for this fund our ministers would have received one-half less than last year's allocations. Our North Carolina ministers for this year received more than double for the amount sent in by our churches for this purpose. The Board's assets have steadily increased from $106,428.53 in 1913 to $3,768,574.08 at the close of 1930. The Board has paid relief benefits during the year just ended to 1,493 preachers, missionaries, widows and orphans. The total sum paid in benefits during the past year $198,293.00. Relief, $129,026.45; Annuities $69,266.55. This is the largest total ever paid in a single year.

The other Department of our Board is the Service Annuity Department. This department enables ministers and churches to ward off need by providing in a special way against old age. In this plan the pastor deposits 2½% and the church 8% of his salary. Through these means and a created Contingent Fund it is proposed to accumulate for the participating pastor whose age is 65 not less than $500.00 and not more than $1,200.00 per annum, depending on the average salary for a period of 35 years.

Provision is also being made in case of disability. Widows receive one-half of the amount of husbands. The Board's regular beneficiaries last year through the South were 691 ministers, 603 widows, 49 emergency cases and 15 children. Of this number 70 ministers and 59 widows were from North Carolina. Participant under the new Annuity Plan 55 ministers, 45 missionaries and 67 widows. For full particulars of the plan you are urged to write to Mr. Hugh F. Latimer, Asheville, N. C., who is the Board's Eastern Representative.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. CALDWELL.

63. Upon motion to adopt, Moderator recognizes Brother Caldwell, who states that it is the pleasure of the Association to have in attendance Brother Latimer, Eastern Representative of the Ministerial Relief and Annuity Board, and he discusses this report, bringing out mostly the Service Annuity Plan of the board, which is a plan for the relief of old ministers at the retirement age. The report is duly adopted.

64. Rev. S. A. Stroup presents the case of Mrs. Beaver, wife of a deceased Baptist minister, stating that there is application on file with the Relief Department but through lack of funds no aid is forth coming. Upon motion duly seconded and carried it is resolved that the Association take action on this matter at this time. It is moved that a voluntary offering be taken for financial aid of Mrs.

Beaver. Motion is seconded and carried. The offering is taken and it is found that the sum of $9.45 is realized.

65. The Association takes up at this time the report on the Mills Home which was read yesterday, the discussion of this report being postponed until today, pending arrival of representative from the Mills Home. Rev. J. A. McMillan, pastor of Mills Home Church, is in attendance at the Association today and speaks on this report. He brings out that the health of the children at the home is especially good, due care and diligent attention being given them at all times. He informs the Association that the real job of the Mills Home is not only to clothe and feed the child but to replace and give them that which they have lost, and prepare them for the life after they leave the orphanage.

66. This report is also discussed by Brother A. M. Harrill of Newton, who urges support of the Mills Home. Report is duly adopted.

67. Moderator calls for the next report on program which is on the subject of Temperance, and Rev. E. F. Sullivan, Pastor of Highland Church, reads the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The queston of temperance, as we use the term, has been a live issue for a long time. And it is still a live issue, though most prohibitionists thought it was killed and buried with the passage of the 18th amendment. There are three classes of people who still argue for the return of the saloon. They are those who want to drink liquor, those who want to make money out of liquor and those who are deceived by the first two classes mentioned.

Colonel Woodcock, head of the Federal Prohibition Bureau, after thorough investigation estimates that the per capita consumption of liquor in our country has been reduced 73%. We are also informed that there was far more liquor illegally sold before prohibition than there is now. Both state and federal judges join in stating that no law on our statute books is better enforced today than the law against liquor. Of course there is too much liquor being sold, for any liquor is too much, just as any stealing is too much and any murder is too much.

But the wet crowd was never more determined, and eternal vigilance is the price of liberty from this debauching curse. All that wet millionaires, liquor-bought newspapers, vile politicians, and bootleg law violators can do, is being done to bring this blight back on our fair land. Every evil of our day is laid at the door of prohibition. It is blamed for the depression, for unemployment, for the crime wave, for the number of alcoholic deaths and for the number of people killed in arresting bootleggers. In the name of high Heaven, and for the sake of our children and our children's children, let every Baptist stand like a stone wall. Yea, may we live dry, talk dry, and vote dry, regardless of politics.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

68. On motion to adopt this report, Moderator recognizes Rev. Sullivan who stresses several points in his report. Brother Sullivan says that there is a growing sentiment over the country today for the repeal of the 18th Amendment, and he calls on every Baptist to stand for temperance.

69. Rev. M. I. Harris also comments on this report. The report is duly adopted.

70. Moderator calls Rev. T. H. Roach, Pastor Riverview Baptist Church, to take charge of the meeting at this time, he having charge of the memorial service. Brother Roach reads the report, as is shown on the next page; the same being duly adopted, and as a token of respect the assembly stands and is lead in prayer by Rev. E. F. Hardin.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

It is with profound sorrow that we report that during the past year forty-two of our members have been called to their final reward.

CATAWBA
Miss Fay Gantt

CEDAR GROVE
Mr. Raymond Brown

CENTER VIEW
Miss Flossie Laney

CORINTH
Mr. Wade Johnson
Mr. Pink Reinhardt

DENVER
Mr. James Hager (Deacon)

FAITH
Mrs. J. R. Helderman
Mrs. Hunter Helderman

GOODSONVILLE
Mrs. Lela Bivins

HICKORY FIRST
Mrs. J. W. Bowman
Mrs. W. G. Fox
Mr. W. D. Bryan
Mr. Lee Barger
Mrs. Berry

WEST HICKORY
Miss Amanda Abernethy

HIGHLAND
Mr. C. P. Guthrie
Mr. E. M. Childress
Mrs. G. C. Cloer
Mr. W. M. Herman

LAWING'S CHAPEL
Mr. C. Y. Lawing
Mrs. C. Y. Lawing
Mr. Pink Beal

LINCOLNTON FIRST
Miss Florence Finch
Mr. J. P. Lawing
Mr. A. C. Robinson
Mr. J. C. Blackman

MACEDONIA
Mr. S. L. Bolinger (former clerk)
Mrs. Lavinia Saunders

MOUNT RUHAMA
Mr. Perry Drum

MOUNT ZION
Mrs. Lizzie Humphries

MOUNTAIN GROVE
Mr. Phelmore Abernethy

NEWTON FIRST
Mrs. R. M. Ervin

OLIVET
Mrs. Martha Parker
Mrs. Carrie Hunnycutt

PENELOPE
Mr. J. M. Herman
Mrs. Nannie Logan
Mrs. Bertha Phillips

SALEM
Mr. David Garrison
Mrs. J. L. Baker

SOUTHSIDE
Mrs. J. B. Bynum

WARLICK'S
Mrs. J. Berry

Some of these have labored long and well, while some of them have died in early life. Their passing away should admonish us all, that we too are strangers and pilgrims in the earth as were all our fathers before us.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. ROACH.

71. Report on Biblical Recorder which was made yesterday is at this time duly adopted.

72. C. W. Ellington announces that he has received appeal from the South Mountain School for produce, they being in need of such, and asks that the people of this Association give what they can to this school.

73. Under miscellaneous business the matter of election of Associational B. Y. P. U. President having been deferred, Louis Bogle is nominated and dnly elected.

Rev. J. L. Teague, Pastor of Mountain Grove Church, is nominated and duly reelected Associational representative of the Cooperative Program.

The Moderator makes the following assignments by naming writers for the several subjects for the next annual session:

Biblical Recorder	R. L. Bolick
State Missions	Rev. J. R. Cantrell
Home Missions	M. S. Brittain
Foreign Missions	Rev. W. W. Marr
Christian Education	T. P. Pruitt
Temperance	Rev. M. I. Harris
Mills Home	J. R. Link
Obituaries	Rev. M. L. Buchanan
W. M. U.	Mrs. E. N. Carr
Ministerial Relief and Annuities	Rev. S. A. Stroup
Baptist Hospital	Rev. T. H. Roach
Bible Schools	C. W. Ervin
B. Y. P. U.	Miss Pauline Cornwell

The Moderator also appoints a program committee for the next annual session, this committee to consist of Rev. E. F. Sullivan, Rev. J. R. Cantrell and Rev. J. L. Teague.

74. Committee on Place and Preacher brings recommendation that this Association meet at its next annual session with Mountain Grove Church, and that Rev. M. I. Harris preach the annual sermon, with alternate, Rev. L. A. McClure. Report is duly adopted, thereby fixing place and naming preacher for 54th annual session.

75. Committee appointed to nominate delegate to Southern Baptist Convention brings recommendation that Rev. J. R. Cantrell be elected. Report is duly adopted and Rev. Cantrell is elected.

76. Committee appointed to nominate delegates to State Convention brings recommendation that Rev. W. W. Marr, Rev. M. L. Buchanan and Rev. E. F. Hardin be elected. Report is duly adopted and the three named are elected.

77. Rev. J. L. Teague introduces the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, that this Association by a rising vote express the deep appreciation of this body to this Church and its good pastor for their splendid hospitality and for the very matter of handling all matters pertaining to the workings of this Association. We wish to express our appreciation to the young ladies who served so efficiently in the enrolling of delegates and messengers, also the Chief of Police for his very courteous aid in handling the parking of cars. May God's blessings and approval abide with the Church and its good pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. TEAGUE.

78. This resolution is adopted by unanimous rising vote of the Association.

79. Rev. Cantrell makes announcement of the annual preachers' school in June and urges that each church send its pastor. This school is to be at Meredith College in Raleigh.

80. Rev. Cantrell introduces the following resolution:

We, the messengers of the South Fork Association in session; Resolve: First, to voice our approval of the plans suggested by our Southwide and Statewide Promotional Committee in regard to the financing of our Cooperative Program and the need of our local Churches. Second, to especially endorse and back up the suggestions concerning the Every Member Canvass in all our churches, November 29th-December 6th. Third, to urge upon all the churches throughout our Association the importance and necessity of cooperation to the limit in the preparation and the carrying out of their Every Member Canvass.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. CANTRELL.

81. The resolution is duly adopted.

82. M. L. Buchanan, pastor local church, thanks the Association for the splendid vote in adopting the resolution of thanks to the Maiden people, stating that this church is very greatly benefited by the Association meeting here.

83. Offering is taken at this time to supplement minute fund.

84. This concludes the program of the 53rd Annual Session of the North Carolina South Fork Baptist Association, and all business so far as is known having been presented, upon motion the Association adjourns to meet with Mountain Grove Baptist Church on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1932.

85. Moderator Hatfield declares this the fifty-third annual session of the South Fork Baptist Association to be adjourned, and calls upon the Association to stand and sing, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Closing prayer is lead by Rev. T. H. Roach, Pastor of Riverview Baptist Church.

L. L. HATFIELD, Moderator.
R. H. HARRILL, Clerk.

Minutes of W. M. U. Annual Convention

The South Fork Woman's Missionary Union Association held its annual meeting on April 2, 1931, with Newton First Church, Newton, N. C., Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Associational President, presiding over the morning session. Mrs. C. C. Canipe of the local church gave the address of welcome and Mrs. T. V. Lineberger of Lincolnton First Church responded to this welcome. Devotional service was lead by Rev. E. F. Sullivan, Pastor of Highland Church, who talked on the general theme subject of the meeting, which was "Giving God a Chance," Rev. Sullivan speaking on "Giving God a Chance Through Reading His Word." Miss Ruby Padgett rendered a vocal selection, "The Bible."

The Treasurer submitted her annual report.

Mrs. C. Frank Pittman, Mission Study Chairman, gave a report on her work and urged reading of the books of the circulating library. Miss Myrtle Campbell, Y. W. A. Director, spoke on the Y. W. A. camp at Ridgecrest, recounting her experiences of last year's camp. Miss Pearl Bourne, worker of the Southern Baptist Convention, also talked on this encampment.

Lunch was served in the church by the ladies of the church, and the Association convened in its afternoon session with Mrs. J. T. McLean, Sr., Associate Superintendent, presiding.

In response to roll call it was found that thirteen churches were represented, Hickory Church having the largest delegation in attendance. Five pastors in the Association were also in attendance. Devotional service was lead by Rev. M. L. Buchanan and was followed by vocal solo by Miss Ruby Padgett.

Miss Hull from South Mountain School gave an interesting talk on the subject, "Testimonies on Answered Prayer." The annual memorial service in memory and respect to those removed since last annual meeting, was lead by Mrs. E. F. Hardin, of Lincolnton First Church.

Mrs. E. N. Carr, Associational Young Peoples' Leader, gave report on her work for the year. Mrs. W. L. Boatright, Associational Personal Service Chairman, gave report on her work for the year. The Baptist periodicals of the state were presented at this time by Mrs. Hilton Bowles.

Miss Bourne again spoke to the Association, this time on the

subject, "Occupy Until I Come," and in brief business session it was decided that the next association meeting would be held with Penelope Church on the first Thursday in April, 1932. Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, the officers as shown in the associational directory on page 4 of these minutes being those elected.

Dr. C. Frank Pittman closed the Associational meeting with an address on the subject, "Giving God a Chance with a Consecrated Life."

Full statistics and directory of the W. M. U. are shown in Exhibit "C" and table VII.

Minutes of B. Y. P. U. Annual Convention

The B. Y. P. U. Association of the South Fork Baptist Association held its annual meeting, afternoon and evening, on July 28, 1931, with Highland Church. Associational President Ralph A. Self presided over the meeting.

Devotional service of the afternoon was lead by Rev. J. R. Cantrell, Pastor of Newton First Church.

It was the pleasure of the Convention to have on the program Rev. James A. Ivey, State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, who addressed the assembly at this time on "Living for Christ," this being the general program theme.

Conferences were held for those interested in the different phases of the work of the B. Y. P. U., after which general round table discussion was held.

In the evening session Miss Frances Biggers, formerly a state worker, addressed the assembly on the general subject theme. After the above interesting talk a demonstration B. Y. P. U. program was given, this being a model program. Rev. Ivey spoke again to the Association in the evening session.

The convention closed with the election of associational officers as are shown in the associational directory on page 4, same being installed upon election.

Full statistics and directory of the B. Y. P. U. are shown in Exhibit "B" and table VI.

Church Directories

EXHIBIT A. **ORDAINED MINISTERS**

NAME	ADDRESS	THEIR WORK	CHURCH
C. A. Abernethy	Icard	Pastor	Warlick's
L. A. Bangle	Lincolnton	Pastor	Gainsville
P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton	Retired	Lincolnton Firsst
G. G. Bolch	Hickory	Student-Minister	Highland
W. E. Bost	Valdese	Pastor	Corinth and Providence
Edd. Brown	Southside	Inactive	Southside
M. L. Buchanan	Maiden	Pastor	Maiden 1st & Cedar Grove
G. S. Caldwell	Lincolnton, R-5	Student-Minister	River View
A. L. Campbell	Gastonia	Pastor	Reepsville
J. R. Cantrell	Newton	Pastor	Newton First
M. C. Chapman	Lincolnton, R-3	Inactive	Goodsonville
E. F. Hardin	Lincolnton	Pastor	Lincolnton First
R. F. Harrrill	Gastonia, Victory Sta.	Pastor	Long Shoals
L. B. Hager	Alexis	Student-Minister	Mount Zion
M. I. Harris	Hickory, R-4	Pastor	Penelope
Vance Havner	Hickory, RFD.	Inactive	Corinth
C. P. Hefner	West Hickory	Inactive	West Hickory
W. A. Hoffman	Gastonia	Pastor	Leonard's Fork
H. B. Jones	Lincolnton, R-3	Pastor	Goodsonville and Faith
James Kerr	Hickory	Student-Minister	Highland
Lattie Knox	Boiling Springs	Inactive	Warlick's
W. C. Laney	Brookford	Pastor	Brookford
G. P. Lanier	Maiden	Inactive	East Maiden
J. R. Link	Lincolnton, R-4	Student-Minister	East Maiden
A. A.Lockee	Tuckaseege	Pastor	Lincoln Avenue
W. W. Marr	West Hickory	Pastor	West Hickory
L. A. McClure	Alexis	Pastor	Center View, Lawing's Chapel, Mt. Ruhama, and Mountain Grove
W. B. McClure	Alexis	Retired	Mount Zion
J. B. Payne	High Shoals	Pastor	Bethel
P. H. Pernell	Linclnt'n, L. M. Coffey	Retired	Lincolnton First
F. L. Prather	West Hickory	Inactive	West Hickory
M. P. Rhyne	Dallas	Pastor	Salem
T. H. Roach	Box 372, Lincolnton	Pastor	Macedonia, Mount Zion, and River View
C. M. Robinson	Vale, R-3	Pastor	Denver and Piney Grove
R. G. Short	Hickory	Pastor	North Newton
S. A. Stroup	Catawba, R-2	Pastor	Catawba and Olivet
S. M. Stroup	Alexis	Pastor	Sharon
E. F. Sullivan	Hickory	Pastor	Highland
J. L. Teague	Hickory	Pastor	Mountain Grove
Dr. G. V. Tilley	Newton	Another Assn.	Newton First
L. R. Williams	Maiden	Pastor	East Maiden and Southside
G. P. Young	.....	Inactive	Providence

Assistant Pastors and Educational Leaders: None in the Association.

EXHIBIT B. B. Y. P. U. PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS.

CHURCHES	GENERAL DIRECTOR	ADULT PRESIDENT	SENIOR PRESIDENT	INTERMEDIATE LEADER	JUNIOR LEADER
Brookford	Lillian Isenhour, Brookford	Mrs J. J. Stepp, Brookford	Henry Wallace, Brookford	R L. Bolich, Brookford	Will Lowman, Brookford
Catawba	H. A. Witherspoon, Catawba		Miss Lutel Brown, Catawba	Miss Susie Danner, Catawba	
Corinth	C. V. Stallings, Vale, R-4		Velma Stallings, Vale, R-4	Maylow Stallings, Vale, R-4	
Goodsonville	Clyde Devine, Lincolnton, R-4				
Hickory First	Louis Bogle, Hickory	J. E. Walker, Hickory	Miss Joy Walker, Hickory	D. B. Taylor, Kathryn Perry	Mary Lawrence, Hickory
West Hickory	Edd. Canup, West Hickory	C. O. Beach, W. Hickory	W. L. Goodson, Hickory, R-4	Mrs. W. W. Marr, Hickory	Carrie Lockery, Hickory, R-4
Highland	S. C. Duncan, Hickory		G. G. Bolch, Hickory	Mrs. Ida Hurley, Hickory	Miss Frankie Frye, Hickory
Lincolnton First	Mrs. E. H. Eaton, Lincolnton		W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton	Mrs. C. J. Benfield, Lincolnt'n	Miss Pauline Cornwell, Lin'tn
East Maiden	R. B. Cooke, Lincolnton, R-4		Geo. Williams, Maiden		Miss Amanda West, Maiden
Maiden First				Calvin Laney, Maiden	Mrs. Willie Beal, Maiden
Newton First	Prof. D. R. Mast, Newton		Miss Alma Burns, Newton		Helen Corpining, Newton
Olivet	H. E. Fisher, Long Island		Mildred Martin, Long Island	H O. Eades, Long Island	Antha Martin, Long Island
Penelope	Miss Nellie Butler, Hick'y, R-4	Mrs. G. M. Turner, Hickory	Miss May Harris, Hickory, R-4	Mrs. T. F. Digh, W. Hickory	W. T. Philipps, Hickory, R-4
Southside	Ray Parker, Southside		Vernon Smith, Southside		Mrs. Nora Sigmon, Lincolnton
Warlick's	W. C. Beam, Connelly Spgs.				

EXHIBIT C.
W. M. S. AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCHES	W. M. S. PRESIDENT	Y. W. A. COUNSELOR	G. A. LEADER	R. A. LEADER	SUNBEAM LEADER
Brookford	Mrs. Fannie Couch, Brookford				Mrs. C. H. Huffman, Hickory
Catawba	Mrs. C. B. Wike, Catawba				
Goodsonville	Mrs. I. A Hallman Linc'n, R-3	Mrs. M. F. Dellinger, Lin'tn			
Hickory First	Mrs C. C. Craft, Hickory	Mrs Hilton Bowles, Hickory	Mrs. E. W. Walton, Hickory	Mrs. E. N. Carr, Hickory	Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Hickory
West Hickory	Mrs. Robt. Hawn, Hickory				
Highland	Mrs. R. A. Self, Hickory	Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory	Mrs. J. C. Bridgeman, Hickory	Mrs. Ray Smith, Hickory	Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Hickory
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernethy, Lin'tn				
Lincolnton First	Mrs. T. V. Linberger, Lin'tn	Mrs E. H. Eaton, Lincolnton	Mrs. J. O. Shuford	Miss Ruby Padgett, Lincolnton	Mrs Bryan Dellinger, Lin'ton
East Maiden	Mrs L. R. Williams, Maiden				
Maiden First	Mrs. Pearl Carpenter, Maiden				
Mountain Grove	Mrs Frank Link, Hickory, R-1	Mrs. Harry Fry, Hickory, R-1			
Newton First	Mrs. J. W. Hollingsw'h Newton	Mrs. J. R. Cantrell, Newton			Mrs. B. R. McCreight, Newton
Olivet	Mrs. S. A. Stroup, Catawba				Lucile Brown, Long Island
Penelope	Mrs W. A. Cook, W. Hickory	Mrs. M. I. Harris, Hickory, R-4			Miss Clara Starnes, Hickory
River View	Mrs. S. A. Hutchins Lincolnton				Mrs. T. H. Roach, Lincolnton

EXHIBIT D.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Note: Records prior to 1925 not available.

DATE OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHED SERMON
October 1-2, 1925	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	T. C. Singleton
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1926	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. D. Barton
September 29-30, 1927	Corinth	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. A. Ivey
Sept. 27-28, 1928	Mount Ruhama	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	R. G. Short
September 26-27, 1929	Mount Zion	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	E. F. Hardin
October 2-3, 1930	Warlick's	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	Dr. C. Frank Pittman
October 1,2, 1931	Maiden First	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	J. R. Cantrell

Statistical Reports

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Village, City, Town, or Country	When Constructed	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAYS OF MEETING	GAINS					LOSSES								
					Reported Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meeting	Revival Meetings During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper	Families Rec. State Papers
Antioch*	Country	1922			41									41				
Bethel	Country	1895	J. B. Payne—High Shoals	Third	85	8	1			2				92	No	1	2	2
Brookford	Town	1907	W. C. Laney—Brookford	Every	238	5	1		2	7	66			173	Yes	2	1	10
Catawba	Village	1874	S. A. Stroup—Catawba	First, Third	172	3	3			2			1	175	Yes	1	1	5
Cedar Grove	Country	1902	M. L. Buchanan—Maiden	Second, Fourth	49		3			11			1	40	No	1	1	
Center View	Country	1915	L. A. McClure—Alexis	First, Third	131	2	6			6			1	132	Yes		2	
Corinth	Country	1840	W. E. Bost—Valdese	Fourth	144	17				4			2	155	No	1	1	3
Denver	Village	1914	C. M. Robinson—Vale, R-3	Second	21						1		1	19				
Faith	Country	1905	H. B. Jones—Lincolnton, R-3		30	4	8			3			2	37				
Gainsville	Country	1923	L. A. Bangle—Lincolnton	Second, Fourth	231	7	1			3		108		128	No	1	1	
Goodsonville	Village	1922	H. B. Jones—Lincolnton, R-3	Every	158	9	21	1		2		1	1	185	Yes	1	4	1
Hickory First	City	1870	None	Every	736	14	24			24		7	5	738	Yes		3	50
West Hickory	City	1907	W. W. Marr—2238 11th Ave., Hickory	Every	236	17	17			9			1	260	Yes	2	1	10
Highland	Town	1908	E. F. Sullivan—Hickory	Every	426	24	23	3	1	13	15	8	4	437	Yes	2	4	
Kid's Chapel*	Country				22									22				
Lawing's Chapel	Country	1908	L. A. McClure—Alexis	Second	157	13	9			13	1		3	162	Yes	1	2	
Leonard's Fork	Country	1882	W. A. Hoffman—Gastonia		95									95				
Lincoln Avenue	Town	1910	A. A. Lockee—Tuckaseege		218	12				6				224	Yes	2	4	
Lincolnton First	Town	1859	E F .Hardin—Lincolnton	Every	294	13	18		4	21	34		4	270	Yes	1	4	28
Long Shoals	Village	1918	R. F. Harrill—Gastonia, Victory Sta.	Every	9		4							13	No	1		
Macedonia	Country	1834	T. H. Roach—Box 372, Lincolnton	First, Third	202	26	6			4			2	228	Yes	1	2	
East Maiden	Town	1927	L. R. Williams—Maiden	First, Third	149	6	16	2		13				160	Yes	1	3	5
Maiden First	Town	1891	M. L. Buchanan—Maiden	Every	400	19	11			6	20			404	Yes	1	3	10
Mount Ruhama	Country	1816	L. A. McClure—Alexis	First, Third	245	9	5		3	11	6	2	1	242		1	2	
Mount Zion	Country	1869	T. H. Roach—Box 372, Lincolnton	Third	128	13	2			3			2	138	No	1	2	3
Mountain Grove	Country	1881	J. L. Teague—Hickory	Second, Fourth	115	1	4						1	119	No	1	1	2
Mountain View	Country	1854	L. A. McClure—Alexis	Fourth	125	15	2			6				136	No	1	2	
Newton First	Town	1881	J. R. Cantrell—Newton	Every	263	6	16			5			1	279	Yes	1	4	10
North Newton	Town	1921	R. G. Short—Hickory	Second, Fourth	96	29	7	8		11	1			128	Yes	1	1	
Olivet	Country	1833	S. A. Stroup—Catawba, R-2	Second, Fourth	229	6	8			6		2	2	233	Yes	1	1	2
Penelope	Town	1888	M. I. Harris—Hickory, R-4	Every	257	28	7	8		5			3	292	Yes	2	4	6
Piney Grove	County	1904	C. M. Robinson—Vale, R-3	Second	42					1				41	No	1		1
Providence	Country	1878	W. E. Bost—Valdese	Second, Fourth	81	8	1		2	1				91	Yes	1	1	
Reepsville	Country	1888	A. L. Campbell—Gastonia	Every	117	12	8			2				135				
River View	Country	1897	T. H. Roach—Box 372, Lincolnton	Second, Fourth	137	7	8			2	1	1		148	Yes	2	4	4
Salem	Country	1849	M. P. Rhyne—Dallas	First, Third	80	4	6						2	88				
Sharon	Country	1884	S. M. Stroup—Alexis	First, Third	75					5				70	No	1	2	2
Southside	Village	1926	L. R. Williams—Maiden	Second, Fourth	99	7	6			1			1	110	Yes	1	3	
Startown*	Country				10									10				
Warlick's	Country	1875	C. A. Abernethy—Icard	Second	95	11	14	1		17			1	103				
TOTALS					6438	355	266	23	12	225	145	129	42	6553		35	66	154

*—Denotes figures from last year's report.

TABLE II. SUNDAY SCHOOL SATISTICS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City, or Country	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION									
			Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3—5 Years	Primaries 6—8 Years	Juniors 9—12 Years	Intermediates 13—16 Years	Young People 17—24 Years	Adults 25 Years Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is It Standard?	Teachers With Diplomas	Baptisms From School	Have You Mission S. S.	Enrollment Mission S. S.	Daily Vacation Bible School?	Enrollment Bible School	AV. ATTEN. D. V. B. S.
Antioch																						
Bethel	Country	R. A. Long, Lincolnton, R-2	6		16	11	11		13			57	31	No	No	3	5	No		No		
Brookford	Town	R. L. Bolick, Brookford	18	15	51	64	51	37	63	7		306	165	Yes	No	5	5	No		No		
Catawba	Village	C. W. Ervin, Catawba	15	7	10	13	24	25	23			117	70	Yes	No	5	1	No		No		
Cedar Grove	Country	John Beard, Newton, R-5	5						35	*		40	25	No	No			No		No		
Center View	Country	M. C. Laney, Maiden	13						125	*		138	97	No	No	6	2	No		No		
Corinth	Country	C. C. Propst, Hickory, R-1	14	14	13	20	25	11	33	12		142	84	Yes	Yes	10	14	No		No		
Denver																						
Faith	Country	J. R. Black, Alexis																				
Gainsville	Country	C. C. Houser, Crouse	8		27	9	21	12	23			100	70	No	No		2	No		No		
Goodsonville		Odell Setzer, Lincolnton, R-3	17	23	25	33	29	43	43	56		269	141	Yes	Yes	16	9	No		No		
Hickory First	City	T. P. Pruitt, Hickory	90	40	101	127	95	88	136	68	30	775	430	Yes	Yes	50	13	Yes	50	No		
West Hickory	City	W. A. Lutz, West Hickory	20	30	40	60	40	50	100			340	198	Yes	No	10	14	No		No		
Highland	Town	B. E. Correll, Hickory	54	36	66	95	68	84	115	33	32	583	319	Yes	Yes	41	19	No		No		
Kids' Chapel																						
Lawing's Chapel	Country	J. H. Fish, Lincolnton, R-4	15	15	5	20	21	16	39	26		157	71	Yes	No	6	12	No		No		
Leonard's Fork																						
Lincoln Avenue	Town	Reese Mull, Lincolnton	9	19	7	34		29	28			126	87	Yes	No		12	No		No		
Lincolnton First	Town	R. H. Harrill, Lincolnton	32	13	42	45	45	19	58	20	16	290	145	Yes	Yes	22	10	No		Yes	108	77
Long Shoals	Village	P. A. Kiser, Lincolnton, R-6	5	6	8		3	3	4			29	28	No	No	5		No		No		
Macedonia	Country	F. W. Barker, Lincolnton, R-3	10						148	*		158	55	No	No		18	No		No		
East Maiden	Town	E. H. Williams, Maiden	29	20	28	29	33	40	45	12		236	163	Yes	Yes	15	6	No		No		
Maiden First	Town	T. H. Caldwell, Maiden	26	24	38	76	40	50	91	25		370	218	Yes	Yes	15	18	No		No		
Mount Ruhama	Country	W. M. Caldwell, Maiden, R-1	15	17	36	34	29	35	57	25		248	145	Yes	No	1	4	No		No		
Mount Zion	Country	L H. Helderman, Alexis	7						68	*		75	63	No	No	6	12	No		No		
Mountain Grove	Country	C. S. Echerd, Hickory, R-1	12	11	16	22	19	19	19			118	64	Yes	No	6		No		No		
Mountain View	Country	M. M. Moore, Maiden, R-1	9						89	*		98	58	No	No		14	No		No		
Newton First	Town	J. Y. Killian, Newton	25	13	47	68	28	109	45	65		400	210	Yes	No	5	6	No		No		
North Newton	Town	J T. Whsinant, Newton	14	19	23	38	15	73	35			217	110	Part	No	9	11	No		No		
Olivet	Country	J. C. Saunders, Catawba, R-2	20	14	21	38	38	47	32	12		222	124	Yes	No	10	5	No		No		
Penelope	Town	J. B. Philipps, West Hickory	40	16	79	55	39	14	68	24		335	225	Yes	No	33	28	No		No		
Piney Grove	Country	E. T. Barker, Claremont, R-1	5			12			32	15		64	25	No				No		No		
Providence	Country	M S. Brittain, Vale	18	11	15	28	20	16	44			152	47	Yes	No	14	7	No		No		
Reepsville	Country	McKinley Sronce, Vale, R-1	16	7	8	24	12	16	30	10		123	98	Yes	Yes	8	9	No		No		
River View	Country	A. E. Weaver, Lincolnton, R-5	12	45	53	36	38	58	55			297	170	Yes	No	1	7	No		No		
Salem	Country	J. H. Stafford, Lincolnton	9	13	9	9	17	15	14			86	46	No	No	2	4	No		No		
Sharon	Country	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station	5			9	12	14	14			54	30	Yes	No			No		No		
Southside	Village	E. L. Carpenter, Lincolnton, R-6	22	17	21	45	12	50	35	10		212	120	Yes	Yes	9	7	No		No		
Startown																						
Warlick's	Country	W. T. Mull, Icard	11	16	11	13	6	14	28	14		113	68	Yes	No		11	No		No		
TOTALS			626	461	816	1067	791	987	1787	434	78	7047	118			313	285		50		108	77

*—Ungraded enrollment is placed in adult column.

TABLE III. CHURCH PROPERTY, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Church Own House of Worship	When Was It Built?	Material Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Mission Chapel	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on all Church Property	Insurance Carried
Antioch*		Yes	1923	Wood	300	1			$ 1 000	$	$	$ 1 000	$	$
Bethel	R. A. Long Lincolnton, R-2	Yes	1895	Wood	300	1			1 100			1 100		500
Brookford	Mrs. Seth Miller Brookford	Yes	1910	Brick	300	15	15	13	20 000			20 000		
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	Yes	1875	Brick	300	1			5 000			5 000		
Cedar Grove	J. E. Rhodes Maiden	Yes	1902	Wood	200	1	1	1	300			300		
Center View	J. F. Hovis Maiden	Yes	1915	Wood	500	1			3 000			3 000		
Corinth	Miss Elma Stallings Vale, R-4	Yes	1885	Wood	300	1			2 000			2 000		1 000
Denver	Dr. H. N. Abernethy Charlotte	Yes		Wood	300	1			1 500			1 500		
Faith	B. E. Ballard Iron Station	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1			1 200			1 200		
Gainsville	C. C. Houser Crouse	Yes	1923	Wood	300	5	5	5	2 500			2 500		
Goodsonville	J. P. Williams Lincolnton, R-3	Yes	1922	Wood	700	9		6	4 200			4 200	450	3 000
Hickory First	E. L. Fox Hickory	Yes	1900	Brick	800	2	9	30	120 000		5 000	125 000	13 000	30 009
West Hickory	W. S. Abernethy Hickory	Yes	1905	Brick	400	18	3	18	12 000		2 000	14 000	2 100	4 500
Highland	G. Glynn Bolch Hickory	Yes	1912	Brick	350	35	7	35	25 000		5 000	30 000	2 800	7 100
Kid's Chapel*		Yes	1872	Wood					1 575			1 575		
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry Lincolnton, R-4	Yes	1908	Wood	500	1			2 000			2 000		500
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	Yes	1882	Wood	300	1			1 000			1 000		
Lincoln Avenue	W. K. Stover Lincolnton	Yes	1927	Brick	500	10	9	9	10 000			10 000	3 300	10 000
Lincolnton First	E. T. Childs, Jr Lincolnton	Yes	1921	Brick	450	25	4	22	75 000		5 000	80 000	10 500	25 000
Long Shoals	Glenn Harrill, Victory Sta, Gastonia	Yes	1918	Wood	500	1		4	1 000			1 000		
Macedonia	W. A. Potts Lincolnton, R-3	Yes	1922	Brick	500	1			10 500			10 500		
East Maiden	E. H. Williams Maiden	Yes	1927	Wood	400	8	7		4 000			4 000	985	
Maiden First	T. H. Caldwell Maiden	Yes	1930	Brick	600	20	2	20	20 000		3 000	23 000	5 700	18 000
Mount Ruhama	G. W. Caldwell Maiden, R-2	Yes	1912	Wood	500	1		13	3 500			3 500		
Mount Zion	L H. Helderman Alexis	Yes	1894	Wood	500	1			2 100			2 100		
Mountain Grove	G. F. Huffman Hickory, R-1	Yes	1881	Wood	250	3		2	2 250			2 250		
Mountain View	M. O. Gilleland Maiden, R-1	Yes		Wood	500	1			2 500			2 500		1 200
Newton First	C. D. Jessup Newton	Yes	1894	Brick	400	10	3	10	25 000		6 000	31 000		10 000
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant Newton	Yes	1923	Wood	300	3	2	2	1 000		1 500	2 500	575	1 500
Olivet	F. B. Tilley Long Island	Yes	1884	Wood	300	12	2	7	2 000		1 600	3 600		2 800
Penelope	M. C. Abee West Hickory	Yes	1884	Wood	400	28	6	21	7 000		3 000	10 000	1 028	5 600
Piney Grove	Lee Setzer Newton, R-2	Yes	1905	Wood	350	1			450			450		
Providence	Roy Whtiener Vale, R-4	Yes		Wood	400	4		10	2 500			2 500		1 500
Reepsville	Mrs. G. L. Rhyne Vale, R-1	Yes	1888	Wood	250	1			500			500		
River View	E. L. Johnson Lincolnton, R-6	Yes	1922	Wood	500	7		7	5 000		2 000	7 000		3 000
Salem	Clarence Helms Lincolnton	Yes	1930	Brick	500	3			2 500			2 500	400	
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	Yes	1900	Wood	300	1			600			600		
Southside	Miss Alice Huss Lincolnton, R-6	Yes	1926	Wood	400	9	8	8	3 500			3 500	28	1 600
Startown*		Yes		Wood	200	1			500			500		
Warlick's	E. T. Berry Icard	Yes	1875	Wood	500	1		4	1 500			1 500		
TOTALS									$386 275		$ 34 100	$420 375	$ 40 866	$126 800

*—Denotes figures from last year's report.

TABLE IV. GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK											
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S.S., B.Y.P.U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Prtg. Minutes and Clerk to the Association	Other Objects	Total for Local Church Work Given by W.M.U.	Total for Local Church Work Given by S. S.	Total for Local Church Work Given by Church and all its Organizations
Antioch		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Bethel	R. A. Long, Lincolnton, R-2	66 10		15 00			11 85		1 00			11 85	93 95
Brookford	B. B. Bishop, Brookford	1121 19		90 25	457 50	332 55	220 17	5 36	4 00	19 27			2250 29
Catawba	W. R. Keith, Catawba	461 45		99 43	3 55	43 33	96 90		4 00	9 40		96 90	718 06
Cedar Grove	John E. Rhodes, Maiden	25 00			25 00		8 00						58 00
Center View	W. W. Laney, Maiden	134 50		31 00			9 41		2 20	21 60			198 71
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant, Hickory, R-1	200 00		26 50		30 00	77 22		1 80				335 52
Denver	B. L. Beal, Iron Station												
Faith	Ralph Witherspoon, Alexis	50 00		14 00			5 00		60				69 60
Gainsville	William Ingle, Lincolnton	150 00					30 00		1 00				181 00
Goodsonville	H. R. Wilkinson, Lincolnton, R-3	1300 00	5 00	52 51	123 13	158 50	126 84	6 58	3 00	234 57	3 50		2010 13
Hickory First	H. G. Stephens, Hickory	2550 00		301 00	2969 94	1548 35	705 74	10 80	25 00	12 00	48 50	701 94	8122 83
West Hickory	M. R. Ingram, Hickory, R-4	1292 64		92 70	480 30	227 20	100 50	25 35			27 00	285 45	2218 69
Highland	P. O. Frye, Hickory	2325 00		60 00	1070 46	579 90	340 04	12 00	7 00	177 04	8 05		4571 44
Kid's Chapel													
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry, Lincolnton, R-4	161 72		21 71		62 28	22 90		1 20		1 00	37 18	269 81
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover, Crouse	155 00		25 00									180 00
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman, Lincolnton	548 50		42 00	43 00	94 53	45 84			27 45			801 32
Lincolnton First	M. T. Leatherman, Lincolnton	2499 96	240 00	125 00	1298 09	741 21	189 44		10 00	12 43			5116 13
Long Shoals	P. A. Kiser, Lincolnton	9 00		9 90	2 50								21 40
Macedonia	N. P. Williams, Lincolnton	205 60		40 00	30 32	85 00		2 50					363 42
East Maiden	V. S. Turbyfill, Maiden	335 00		30 00	250 00	75 00	75 30	6 00	2 40		115 00	370 00	773 70
Maiden First	Tom Carpenter, Maiden	1860 00		39 54	1877 29	129 87	97 35		3 00		187 50	220 76	4007 05
Mount Ruhama	O. O. Abernethy, Maiden, R-1	356 72		35 00		25 00	41 81	17 26	2 50				478 29
Mount Zion	A. E. Sadler, Alexis	216 30			12 50	52 25	13 80		2 00				296 85
Mountain Grove	C. S. Echerd, Hickory, R-1			41 25			53 14		2 00		4 50	48 64	96 39
Mountain View	Carl Killian, Maiden, R-1	138 00				4 89	20 64						163 53
Newton First	J. Y. Killian, Newton	1800 00			15 70	225 30	229 37		5 00			229 37	2275 37
North Newton	J. R. Murray, Newton	417 02		77 85		20 00	48 39	6 12	1 50			54 51	570 88
Olivet	W. W. Ervin, Catawba, R-2	600 00		30 00	84 00	52 40	115 04	15 50	4 05	52 00	2 30		952 99
Penelope	W. A. Cook, West Hickory	1443 00	2 50	118 75	813 31	229 72	513 21	45 00	4 00	8 13	3 00	514 21	3177 62
Piney Grove	G P. Abernethy, Catawba, R-1	99 17					14 68	1 87				16 55	115 72
Providence	D. W. Brittain, Vale	172 77		50 00	11 50	8 00	16 93		2 00	35 00		16 93	296 20
Reepsville	M. L. Sronce, Lincolnton, R-2	179 48		50 00	15 00	7 48	33 36	1 06					286 38
River View	J. B. Summey, Lincolnton, R-6	1000 00		53 26	79 10	26 18	47 55	10 00	3 00			76 73	1219 09
Salem	Jno. R. Avery, Lincolnton, R-6	115 57		3 73	174 00	7 00	19 43					26 43	319 73
Sharon	Miss Edna Lineberger, Iron Station	38 74		14 00			11 89		50			11 89	65 13
Southside	W. Frank Parker, Southside	290 53		24 50	148 00	52 00	74 50	5 00	1 25	25 00	10 00	305 03	620 78
Startown													
Warlick's	W. T. Mull, Icard	250 00		26 35	7 85	50	25 76	25 00	2 00	56 96			394 42
TOTALS		22,567.96	$ 247 50	$1640 23	$9992 04	$4818 44	$3442 00	$ 195 40	$ 96 00	$ 690 85	$ 410 35	$3024 37	43,690.42

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, BENEVOLENCES, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURER'S AND POST OFFICES	Co-Operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian and Ministerial Education	Special to Orphanages	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Minister's Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total for Co-Operative Program and all Specials	Given by W. M. U. Included Before	Given by the Sunday School Included Before	Total to All Mission, Education and Benevolence	Grand Total all Gifts for all Purposes by Churches Departments
Antioch		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$		
Bethel	R. A. Long, Lincolnton, R-2						14 00				14 00		14 00	14 00	107 95
Brookford	B. B. Bishop, Brookford	129 38		5 56	6 43		89 66	5 50		39 63	276 16			276 16	2526 45
Catawba	W. R. Keith, Catwaba	10 00	30 45		23 50	56 97	107 52			21 50	249 94	14 00	94 99	249 94	968 00
Cedar Grove	John E. Rhodes, Maiden														58 00
Center View	W. W. Laney, Maiden				4 13		18 69	2 33			25 15			25 15	223 86
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant, Hickory, R-1	80 23			10 00	27 75	26 94				144 92			144 92	480 44
Denver	B. L. Beal, Iron Station														
Faith	Ralph Witherspoon, Alexis														69 60
Gainsville	William Ingle, Lincolnton			75			2 00		2 00		4 75			4 75	185 75
Goodsonville	H R. Wilkinson, Lincolnton, R-3	70 70		8 26	20 51	100 00	170 79	15 89			386 15	55 25	193 20	386 15	2396 28
Hickory First	H. G. Stephens, Hickory	2744 05	119 11	21 00	209 50	1099 73	854 50	56 13	15 50	110 00	5229 52	1510 34	907 50	5229 52	13352 35
West Hickory	M. R. Ingram, Hickory, R-4	34 44	27 77	9 55	7 00		2 17			4 80	85 73	28 40		85 73	2304 42
Highland	P. O. Frye, Hickory	930 23	27 30	9 85		257 00	170 08	15 75		9 96	1420 17	476 07		1420 17	5991 61
Kid's Chapel															
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs J. J. Henry, Lincolnton, R-4	14 31					14 57				28 88	7 21	14 57	28 88	298 69
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover, Crouse														180 00
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman, Lincolnton	73 62					30 40	6 46			110 48		36 86	110 48	911 80
Lincolnton First	M. T. Leatherman, Lincolnton	441 99	24 04	46 00	64 84	230 00	152 04	14 07		58 84	1031 82	522 81		1031 82	6147 95
Long Shoals	P. A. Kiser, Lincolnton, R-6														21 40
Macedonia	N. P. Williams, Lincolnton						3 00				3 00		3 00	3 00	366 42
East Maiden	V. S. Turbyfill, Maiden	25 00					65 15				90 15	30 15	60 00	90 15	863 85
Maiden First	Tom Carpenter, Maiden	56 21				69 52	66 99	7 26			199 98	1 80	72 45	199 98	4207 03
Mount Ruhama	O. O. Abernethy, Maiden, R-1	32 65					37 41	7 41			77 47			77 47	555 76
Mount Zion	E. H. Sadler, Alexis	53 95					118 00	5 00			176 95			176 95	473 80
Mountain Grove	C. S. Echerd, Hickory, R-1	79 53	9 00	3 01	10 00		71 50	5 50			178 54	23 45	65 70	178 54	274 93
Mountain View	Carl Killian, Maiden, R-1	2 55					5 00				7 55			7 55	171 08
Newton First	J. Y. Killian, Newton	100 00	8 00	6 00	18 45	15 35	105 00	25 00		34 50	312 30	139 95	130 00	312 30	2587 67
North Newton	J. R. Murray, Newton			4 00			28 05	3 35		10 50	45 90		45 90	45 90	616 78
Olivet	W. W. Ervin, Catawba, R-2	80 01	7 37	7 84	7 84	66 00	37 20				206 26			206 26	1159 25
Penelope	W. A. Cook, West Hickory	241 31					68 00	15 85			325 16		18 00	325 16	3502 78
Piney Grove	G. P. Abernethy, Catawba, R-1						15 06	2 00			17 06		17 06	17 06	132 78
Providence	D. W. Brittain, Vale	23 46				23 00	2 00				48 46		2 00	48 46	344 66
Reepsville	M L. Sronce, Lincolnton, R-2						33 00				33 00			33 00	319 38
River View	J. B. Summey, Lincolnton, R-6	73 85					53 99	5 00			132 84	71 00		132 84	1351 93
Salem	Jno. R. Avery, Lincolnton, R-6						49 35				49 35		9 35	49 35	369 08
Sharon	Miss Edna Lineberger, Iron Station		2 50			2 90	4 25	2 75			12 40			12 40	77 53
Southside	W. Frank Parker, Southside	13 25		16 55			42 41				72 21	18 00	54 21	72 21	692 99
Startown															
Warlick's	W. T. Mull, Icard														394 42
TOTALS		$5310 74	$ 255 54	$ 138 37	$ 382 20	$1948 22	$2458 72	$195 25	$17 50	$ 289 73	10 996 25	$2898 43	$1738 79	10 996 25	54 686 67

TABLE VI.

B. Y. P. U. STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Have General B. Y. P. U. Organization	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	TOTAL ENROLLED	Number Taking B. Y. P. U. Study Course	Daily Bible Readers	Systematic Givers from all Unions	Students in College
Antioch																
Bethel																
Brookford	Yes	1	1	1	2	5	3	11	12	10	33	66	52	42	53	
Catawba	Yes		1	1		2			17	20		37	31	15	32	2
Cedar Grove																
Center View																
Corinth	Yes		1	1		2			22	19		41	18	34	30	
Denver																
Faith																
Gainsville																
Goodsonville	Yes		1		2	3			12		35	47	29	30	16	
Hickory First	Yes	1	1	2	2	6	6	34	30	48	60	172	154	129	154	
West Hickory	Yes		1	1	1	3			50			50		12	20	
Highland	Yes	1	1	2	2	6		11	13	27	32	83	47	33	52	
Kid's Chapel																
Lawing's Chapel																
Leonard's Fork																
Lincoln Avenue																
Lincolnton First	Yes		1	1	1	3			12	27	26	65	31	19	38	2
Long Shoals																
Macedonia																
East Maiden	Yes		1		1	2	1		22		22	44	27	26	25	
Maiden First	No			1	1	2				20	15	35				
Mount Ruhama																
Mount Zion																
Mountain Grove																
Mountain View																
Newton First	Yes		1		1	2			12		12	24				
North Newton																
Olivet	Yes		1	1	1	3			18	18	18	54	38	19	25	
Penelope	Yes	1	1	1	2	5		30	30	30	61	151	86	51	65	
Piney Grove																
Providence																
Reepsville																
River View																
Salem																
Sharon																
Southside	Yes	1			1	2		22			16	38	11	7	5	
Startown																
Warlick's	Yes		1		1	2			25		20	45	30			
TOTALS		5	13	12	18	48	10	108	275	219	350	952	554	417	515	4

TABLE VII.

W. M. S. AND AUXILIARY STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Number of W. M. Societies	Number Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeam's	Total W.M.U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled Mission Study
Antioch													
Bethel													
Brookford	1				1	2	10				12	22	
Catawba	1					1	9					9	
Cedar Grove													
Center View													
Corinth													
Denver													
Faith													
Gainsville													
Goodsonville	1	1				2	12	8				20	10
Hickory First	1	1	2	1	1	6	120	20	30	10	30	210	35
West Hickory	1					1	17					17	12
Highland	1	1	1	1	1	5	43	12	17	15	28	115	25
Kid's Chapel													
Lawing's Chapel	1					1	7					7	
Leonard's Fork													
Lincoln Avenue													
Lincolnton First	1	1	2	1	1	6	50	14	36	12	40	152	50
Long Shoals													
Macedonia													
East Maiden	1					1	10					10	
Maiden First	1					1							
Mount Ruhama													
Mount Zion													
Mountain Grove	1	1				2	9	9				18	
Mountain View													
Newton First	1	1			1	3	30	18			20	68	14
North Newton													
Olivet	1				1	2	8				23	31	
Penelope	1	1			1	3	30	23			30	83	
Piney Grove													
Providence													
Reepsville													
River View	1				1	2	12				25	37	
Salem													
Sharon													
Southside													
Startown													
Warlick's													
TOTALS	15	7	5	3	8	38	367	104	83	37	208	799	146

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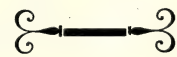

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Constitution

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association shall be, to educate to the ministry, men called of God and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel throughout the bounds of the Association; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible by all our people; to promote the work of the Bible School and the Young People and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all departments of their work.

3. This Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the several member churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association, and chairmen of all standing committees. Each Church of one hundred members or fraction thereof shall be entitled to two messengers, and for each additional fifty members, an additional messenger; provided, that no church shall have more than five messengers.

4. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Association and shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Association.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee for the Association, consisting of the Moderator, ex officio, and nine members representing the different sections of the Association. The nine members shall be divided into equal groups and elected for one, two and three years. As the terms expire the successors shall serve for terms of three years. At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three to nominate, at the following annual session, members to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee. Vacancies occurring between sessions of the Association may be filled until the next session by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Failure without good reason to attend at least two meetings of the Executive Committee during the year shall disqualify any member from serving the following years. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions and report annually to the Association and bring to the Association such recommendations as they may consider wise.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September at ten A. M. The hours for the convention of further sessions of the Association shall be fixed by the Moderator, or by the Program Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee for each annual association, composed of three members, one of which shall be the pastor of the church with which the Association will meet. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare a program for the next annual meeting.

By-Laws

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The number of the messengers shall be ascertained each day previous to proceeding with the business of the Association.

3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one else to preside if he wishes to vacate the chair.

4. The Parliamentary Proceedure shall be in accordance with "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Practice" which shall be final authority on any question of proceedure arising during the deliberation of the Association.

4. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and shall superintend the priniing of the minutes.

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Associational Directory

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

L. L. HATFIELD, Hickory, N. C. ..... Moderator
REV. J. R. CANTRELL, Newton, N. C. ..... Vice-Moderator
R. H HARRILL, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Clerk
J. Y. KILLIAN, Newton, N. C. ..... Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Expires, 1933

C. S. Echerd, R-1, Hickory
G. S. Caldwell, R-5,, Lincolnton
N. P. Williams, Lincolnton

Term Expires, 1934

E. F. Sullivan, Hickory
F. B. Tilley, Long Island
T. H. Caldwell, Maiden

Term Expires, 1935

J. Y. Killian, Newton R. L. Bolick, Brookford R. H. Harrill, Lincolnton

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

G. C. Hewitt, Newton ..... Associational Superintendent
..... Superintendent Hickory District
C. W. Ervin, Catawba ..... Superintendent Hickory District
J. T. Whisnant, R-4, Lincolnton ..... Superintendent Maiden District
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse ..... Superintendent Lincolnton District
R. H. Harrill, Lincolnton ..... Secretary-Treasurer

W. M. U. CONVENTION

Mrs. J. R. Cantrell, Newton ..... Associational Superintendent
Mrs. J. W. Bowles, Lincolnton ..... Associate Associational Supt.
Mrs. C. C. Canipe, Newton ..... Secretary
Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory ..... Treasurer
Mrs. W. A. Cook, West Hickory ..... Leader Hickory District
Mrs. W. M. Lawing, Goodsonville ..... Leader Newton-Maiden District
Mrs. W. S. Lander, Lincolnton ..... Leader Lincolnton District
Mrs. J. L. Putnam, Lincolnton ..... Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. W. L. Boatright, Hickory ..... Personal Service Chairman
Mrs. T. V. Lineberger, Lincolnton ..... Literature Chairman
Miss Myrtle Campbell, Hickory ..... Young Peoples' Leader
Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Hickory ..... Worker-at-Large

B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

Mr. Louis Bogle, Hickory ..... Associational Superintendent
Mr. W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton ..... Associate Associational Supt.
Mr. Chester Perry, Hickory ..... President Hickory District
Rev. J. R. Cantrell, Newton ..... President Newton District
Miss Ophelia Cook, RFD, Lincolnton ..... President Maiden District
Miss Iris McClure, Alexis ..... President Lincolnton District
Miss Myrtle Campbell, Hickory ..... Secretary-Treasurer

Associational Missionary or Worker ..... None
Standing Committee ..... None
Representative of Laymen's Movement ..... None
Officers of Any State or Southern Organization living within Ass'n ..... None

List of Messengers

(1932 SESSION)

AMITY	John Miller*, E. L. Ballard*.	Vis. 0
ANTIOCH	Ralph Pendleton*, C. C. Devine.	Vis. 0
BETHEL	Mrs. E. I. Sigmon*, J. E. Ross	Vis. 0
BROOKFORD	Mrs. Seth Miller*, Mrs. Blanche Helton*, Neal Step*.	Vis. 13
CATAWBA	R. H. Brown*, C. W. Ervin.	Vis. 1
CEDAR GROVE	Miss S. Fannie G. Bost*, J. A. Hoyle*.	Vis. 1
CENTER VIEW	S. P. Beal*, M. M. Laney*, W. W. Laney*.	Vis. 0
CORINTH	J. A. Wilson*, F. R. Bumgardner*, Lester Abernethy*.	Vis. 19
DENVER	B. L. Beal*, Mrs. B. L. Beal*.	Vis. 2
FAITH	B. E. Ballard*, P. L. Sigmon.	Vis. 1
GAINSVILLE	J. H. Carner*, C. C. Houser*, T. C. Cunningham*.	Vis. 6
GOODSONVILLE	J. N. Canipe, Mrs. M. F. Dellinger*, Miss Katie Burke*.	Vis. 6
HICKORY FIRST	N. P. Whitesides*, Mrs. R. K. Redwine*, J. R. Hosley*, Mrs. B. K. Dellinger*, Mrs. C. C. Craft, C. W. Ellington (A)*.	Vis. 15
WEST HICKORY	E. A. Teague*, Mrs. W. G. Abernethy*, John Pierce*, Mrs. C. O. Beach (A)*, Mrs. W. W. Marr (A)*.	Vis. 1
HIGHLAND	A. T. Fox*, Mrs. O. T. Rockett*, Mrs. C. D. Hyder*.	Vis. 6
KID'S CHAPEL	No Report.	
LAWING'S CP'L	H. R. Wilkinson*, Mrs. W. M. Lawing*, Y. E. Throneburg*.	Vis. 0
LEONARD'S FK.	J. W. Hoover*, M. J. Gilbert*, J. H. Hefner*.	Vis. 4
LINCOLN AVE.	E. M. Hallman, Mrs. E. M. Hallman*, Reece Mull.	Vis. 0
LINC'T'N FIRST	S. W. Bennett*, Mrs. W. L. Abernethy*, S. D. Honeycutt*, Mrs. S. D. Honeycutt*.	Vis. 4
LONG SHOALS	J. F. Axson*, P. P. Kiser*, Kelly Kiser*.	Vis. 0
MACEDONIA	N. P. Williams*, F. W. Barker, S. L. Perkens*, D. A. Crouse, J. P. Armstrong (A)*, W. H. Harris (A)*.	Vis. 1
EAST MAIDEN	G. L. Whisnant*, T. L. Crouse*.	Vis. 0
MAIDEN FIRST	I. I. Williams, I. W. Benfield, W. C. Laney*, T. H. Caldwell, Mrs. Tom Carpenter*, C. C. Larman (A)*.	Vis. 3

MOUNT RUHAMA	Frank Ballard*, Geo. W. Caldwell*, Lee Campbell*, Roy Ratchford*.	Vis. 1
MOUNT ZION	L. H. Helderman*, Miss Edna Rhyne*, Mrs. L. A. McClure*.	Vis. 0
MTN. GROVE	G. F. Huffman*, W. T. Cline*, C. S. Echerd*.	Vis. 59
MTN. VIEW	M. O. Gilleland*, Jack Moore*.	Vis. 1
NEWTON FIRST	B. B. Burrus*, A. L. Ervin*, L. B. Beal*, C. H. Bost*.	Vis. 2
NORTH NEWTON	Mrs. C. J. Stewart*, J. R. Whisnant*, Mrs. R. G. Short*.	Vis. 0
OLIVET	W. W. Ervin*, Chas. Eads*, Stella Elliott*, J. C. Saunders.	Vis. 1
PENELOPE	W. I. Parson*, Ed. Young, H. D. Starnes, Rev. J. L. Martin*, Mrs. T. F. Digh, Mrs. Elrod (A)*, Mrs. C. C. Annas (A)*.	Vis. 2
PINEY GROVE	Miss Claudy Setzer, J. P. Abernethy*, E. T. Barker (A)*.	Vis. 0
PROVIDENCE	Rev. G. P. Young*, J. M. Whisnant*, Ted A. Ritchie*.	Vis. 5
REEPSVILLE	McKinley Sronce*, L. R. Ingle*, E. H. Wilson*,	Vis. 0
RIVER-VIEW	G. S. Caldwell*.	Vis. 0
SALEM	J. H. Stafford, F. D. Helms, L. F. Plonk*, A. C. Lewis (A)*, Roy McCreary (A)*.	Vis. 0
SHARON	S. P. Dellinger*, Mrs. S. P. Dellinger*.	Vis. 2
SOUTHSIDE	Gilbert Whitesides*, Vernon Smith.	Vis. 4
STARTOWN	No Report.	
WARLICK'S	J. D. Knox, T. A. Bean*, Stanley Berry*.	Vis. 0

Note: The symbol * denotes actual attendance at one or more services of the Association.

Note: The symbol (A) denotes Alternate Messenger.

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Associational Officers	3
Pastors and Ministers	19
Official Messengers and Alternates	101
From Associational Churches (other than messengers)	160
State Officers and Representatives	5
Visitors from local community	6
Visitors from outside Association	18
TOTAL REGISTRATION	312

PROCEEDINGS

First Day

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29, 1932; 10:00 A. M.

The South Fork Baptist Association convened at 10 A. M. the 29th of September A. D. 1932, in its 54th annual session, with Mountain Grove Baptist Church in Catawba County, North Carolina, with those in attendance as shown by the list of messengers and indicated present by the symbol (*).

Moderator L. L. Hatfield called the Association to order. The opening praise service was led by Pastor S. A. Stroup. The devotional service was conducted by Pastor C. A. Abernathy of Warlick's Church, who read for the Scripture lesson Matthew 5:10-16 and commented thereon. After singing another hymn the Association was led in prayer by Pastor E. F. Sullivan of Highland Church.

The Association proceeded with the organization and messengers having enrolled at the door, roll of churches was called, the messengers from the different churches standing in response to the call of their church. Moderator Hatfield called Pastor W. W. Marr to the chair, who, after announcement that the messengers were duly enrolled as above set forth, proceeded further with the business of the organization by the election of officers. The following were duly nominated and elected by acclamation:

L. L. Hatfield.....*Moderator*
J. R. Cantrell.....*Vice-Moderator*
J. Y. Killian.....*Treasurer*
R. H. Harrill.....*Clerk*

Moderator Hatfield took the chair and expressed his thanks for the honor of the office and pledged his best efforts toward fostering and promoting the affairs of the Association.

A resolution was offered instructing the clerk to revise the reports by shortening same where possible and to eliminate from minutes all superfluous words. After some discussion the former part of the resolution was withdrawn as it seemed unfair to those who had prepared reports, as well as placing undue responsibility upon the clerk. Motion was then made to table the remaining part of the resolution and was carried on vote.

Report on Biblical Recorder was presented by R. L. Bolick of Brookford Church, who read the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder is the State Baptist Paper of North Carolina. It was established ninety-seven years ago and for the last nine years has been published at a financial loss. However, the aim of its publishers is not financial gain, but service to North Carolina Baptists. The one purpose of its management is to assist North Carolina Baptists in extending the reign of Christ. Following are some of the ways in which the Biblical Recorder seeks to carry out its purpose.

It seeks to influence North Carolina people in Christian service by giving a weekly summary of our Baptist news, both local and general; by giving a Christian and Baptist interpretation of current events; by publishing the achievements of our schools, churches, Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, W. M. U.'s and laymen's work; by presenting letters and information from our missionaries at home and abroad; and by keeping us informed of what is being accomplished through our contributions.

Then through the Home Circle Department The Biblical Recorder offers help in spiritual and intellectual development. Surely there was never a time when young people stood more in need of wholesome literature which would instill high ideals, create desire for clean living, and stimulate to unselfish service. The Biblical Recorder tries to meet this need.

In addition, The Biblical Recorder carried numerous articles by the greatest of our denominational workers, which teach and explain the doctrines of the New Testament Church and show us the best methods for carrying on the work of all the church organizations. No Baptist need be ignorant of these things and ought not be so.

The price of The Biblical Recorder is two dollars a year—less than four cents a week. At this price all Baptist families can be well informed through our Baptist state paper. Shall we not do it? It is a significant fact that of every hundred new members baptised by Southern Baptists forty-three are lost to the world and other denominations because we do not more fully inform, enlist, and develop them. The Biblical Recorder is a most powerful factor in this work wherever it is read. The circulation ought to be increased to at least twenty-five thousand this year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. BOLICK.

Upon motion to adopt, chair recognized Brother Bolick to speak on this report and Mr. Bolick in turn presented B. K. Mason, minister of Winston-Salem, representative of the Biblical Recorder, who spoke on the report, after which report was duly adopted.

Report on Christian Education was next in order on the program and Brother T. P. Pruitt of Hickory First Church read the following:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is an all embracing term. I am afraid our people very often confuse Christian Education with education. Education in its generally accepted sense refers strictly to the training of the mind, while Christian Education means not only the training of the mind but the training of the whole being, and putting Christ in the

dominant position in this development. Christian Education goes hand in hand with evangelism and our Missionary Baptist Program, "Go ye into all the world and **preach** the Gospel to every creature, **teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Wherever Christian Education has been emphasized there you will find the greatest progress in Kingdom building. When the great division among Baptist people came in this country, about 125,000 enlisted under banner of the missionary and educational thought of the day and about an equal number enlisted under the banner of those opposing a trained ministry and leadership and a missionary program. Today that group sponsoring that opposition to these cardinal principles of our faith number about 25,000 less than at their beginning, and our forefathers who believed in a Christian educational program and missionary activity have increased to where today we have almost 9,000,000 within our ranks. This is not accidental; it is Christ's program, and it, therefore, will always succeed, for He said, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Missionary Baptists have always stood for education by the state of the masses of our people and a provision for higher education for all those who desired to avail themselves of such an opportunity, and there is not now and never has been any conflict between our program of Christian Education and the universal training provided by the commonwealth, but we believe, and results justify our opinion, that Christian Education has so much more to offer than the mere training of the mind and body that there today exists no well founded argument against the work of our Christian schools and colleges.

The United States Commissioner of Education tells us that a common school education increases a man's productive ability 50%; a high school training increases it 100%, and a college training increases it from 200% to 300%. It is said that less than two per cent of the men in America go to college, yet of the 10,000 chief leaders in all walks of life in America 7,700 of them are numbered among the two per cent that do go to college. In other words, all things being equal, the college trained man has ninety-nine chances out of a hundred in securing a position over one who is not thus trained.

As convincing as these facts may be, let me call your attention to a few facts that to my mind are convincing that the denominational school is a far greater force in the development of the individual than the schools and colleges under State supervision: Eight of our country's Chief Justices were college graduates, while seven of the eight came from Christian schools; eighteen of our Nation's Presidents have been college graduates, while sixteen of the eighteen were from Christian colleges; eighteen of the twenty-five Masters of American Letters were college men, and seventeen of the eighteen were from Christian colleges. Two-thirds of all the men who have achieved prominence in our National Congress have been gradutes from Christian colleges. Surely this ought to be convincing to any thinking man and woman that we should lend every support within our power to our Christian schools and colleges,—

(1) By seeing that our children have this opportunity to fit themselves for life at one of our Christian institutions;

(2) By seeing that every neighborhood boy and girl, desiring an education, has an opportunity to secure it at one of our Christian schools, or colleges, and

(3) By giving of our substance to make it possible for these institutions to extend a hand to every worthy boy

and girl.

North Carolina Baptists have a rich heritage in our own colleges and secondary schools. Our Southwide institutions are entitled to our wholehearted support and cooperation, and let it not be said of us, in the South Fork Association, that we had no part in the Christian Educatinal Program of our denomination. Let me remind you that the test applied 2,000 years ago is the same yardstick by which we will be measured today: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Respectfully submitted,
T. P. PRUITT.

Upon motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Mr. Pruitt, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, Professor of Religious Education, Misses Danner and Campbell of Mars Hill College, after which report was duly adopted.

Moderator Hatfield recognized and introduced to the Association the following visitors: Osborne Brown of South Yadkin Association, Hugh Lattimer, Representative of Relief and Annuity Board, Pastor Yates of Statesville and Pastor W. W. Rimmer of the Mecklenburg Association.

At this time the Moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Digest of Church Letters: L. R. Williams, H. B. Jones, W. E. Bost.

Committee on Place and Preacher: J. R. Cantrell, G. S. Whisnant, J. W. Bowles.

Committee on Credentials: L. A. McClure, R. K. Redwine, C. M. Robinson.

Committee to Nominate Members of the Executive Committee: T. P. Pruitt, W. C. Laney, T. H. Roach.

Committee to Audit Treasurer's Books: E. F. Hardin, R. L. Bolick, R. G. Short.

The annual sermon of the Association was preached at this time by M. I. Harris, Pastor of Penelope Church. The text of this sermon was the 13th verse of the 4th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and the subject of Pastor Harris' sermon was "The Power of a Consecrated Life." Pastor Harris preached a powerful sermon on this subject.

It appearing that it may be necessary to devise means or methods to supplement the fund now reported in hand by the Treasurer for printing of the minutes and expenses of the chairman of the Promotion

Committee, Moderator appointed R. K. Redwine and J. R. Cantrell as a committee to serve with the Treasurer to recommend ways or means to raise this possibly needed additional amount.

After singing of hymn and prayer led by Pastor Redwine, the Association recessed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The Association reconvened at 1:30 P. M. and the song service was conducted by Pastor Stroup. The devotional service was in charge of E. F. Hardin, Pastor of Lincolnton First Church, who read from the Gospel according to John and commented on the Scripture. At the conclusion of his talk the Association was led in prayer by Dr. Herbert Yeull, a visitor to the Association.

The report on Mills Home was had at this time, this report having been written by the appointed writer, J. R. Link, but in his absence the report was read by L. R. Williams, Pastor of East Maiden Church.

REPORT ON MILLS HOME

We wish to pay the highest possible tribute of respect to the memory of the third General Manager of the Mills Home, Dr. M. L. Kesler, who served competently and faithfully since 1905 until his recent death this year of our Lord 1932.

The Mills Home is located at Thomasville with an Eastern branch orphanage, the Kennedy Home at Kinston—both are under the same management and belong to the Baptist State Convention.

There are at present in the home 696 children; 135 of these are at the Kennedy Home. In addition to this number, through Mothers' Aid work 298 children are being cared for in their own homes with 74 mothers. These added to the number in the Orphanage make 994 children in the care of North Carolina Baptists.

The environment for the children's well-being and development physically, mentally and spiritually is the best possible under the present conditions, so could be made better only by a more loyal support and interest from North Carolina Baptists. The sad fact is that from 50 to 100 applications received each month are turned away for lack of room. These children which are turned away cannot receive the development of personality and character which those under the influence of the Mills Home do in their accredited High School and home training. On finishing school or being dismissed according to preparation the boys and girls are assisted in entering college or finding their place in the great life of service.

We urge each church and each member of our Association to help bring to pass the cherished progressives plans for the Mills Home spoken of by Dr. Kesler in his forty-seventh and last report on Mills Home. They failed last year. Will they fail this year? May his Godly influence lead us to nobler living, higher thinking and more liberal giving. And while we shall continue to cherish the memory

of our former General Manager who has gone on to his reward, may we give our hearty support to our present General Manager, Prof. I. G. Greer, who has recently been elected to succeed Dr. Kesler.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN R. LINK.

Upon motion to adopt, chair recognized Brother Williams to speak on the report, who in turn introduced R. D. Covington, Treasurer of Mills Home, who spoke on this report, giving facts and figures of the work of the Home, after which the report was duly adopted.

The report on the Baptist Hospital was next presented by T. H. Roach, the appointed writer.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

Denominational and private hospitals care for seventy-five per cent of all the patients of this country and spend less than one half of the money used for this care. Fortunately, the Baptist Hospital belongs to that class that makes a dollar go a long way, for 1931 was our hardest year and 1932 is even worse. Demands for help greatly increase and income from pay patients decreases with the months. Many of the smaller hospitals have been compelled to discontinue taking charity patients, and that has increased the number sent to us. A large percentage of our people are out of work or on short time and cut wages. Many live on the farm and have no money. Worry, poor living conditions, too rigid economy, have increased the amount of sickness among the people unable to pay, and all of these things combine to increase our financial burden. At this writing there are 35 patients in our Hospital receiving help. They come from 21 counties, all the way from the Atlantic to the Tennessee line. They must be cared for or many of them will die, but the question is "How can we do it?"

We are getting fewer pay patients. The first four months of this year show 1317 less pay days than the same period last year. That means less income from pay patients, so the income has been reduced from every source and the free service increased.

To meet these conditions, we have cut salaries, curtailed expenses, left off equipment everywhere, and yet we cannot meet demands.

Our churches must help on the patients they send us or we will be compelled to close our doors to the needy sick or go hopelessly in debt. But we are commanded to keep out of debt and compelled to take the sick by our pastors and churches. We can't do the impossible, so we plead that each church will send us $1.50 a day for each patient that church sends. If they will do this much we will take care of the patients, carry the load and keep out of debt. This is no great burden on the church because they only have to help one, but we have around 2,000 cases a year that much be helped and if each church will carry its part, we can keep going, if not, we will be ruined.

Fellow Baptists, these are your brothers and sisters. This is your Hospital. You built it to care for these very needy sick. Shall we be compelled to quit this charity work, or go out of business in these times that need us most? These people will die now unless we save them. We appeal to you to provide the means to care for them.

Take Mother's Day offerings. Send that $1.50 a day when you

send a patient. Send your pay patients to us. Pray for us. Talk about our Hospital. It is one of the best in the land. Join hands with us in the battle for health and life. We challenge you in the name of Christ and sick humanity. Will you ring true?

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. ROACH.

Upon motion to adopt, the chair recognized Brother Roach who discussed the report. The report was further spoken to by Mrs. J. W. Bowles who in turn introduced Dr. G. T. Lumpkin of the Winston-Salem Hospital. The report was duly adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief and Annuities was next presented to the Association, the following being read by S. A. Stroup, Pastor of Catawba and Olivet Churches.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was created in 1918 for the purpose of aiding disabled ministers and their widows.

The total of all monies received by the board during the past fiscal year inclusive of all designated funds was $75,347.55. During the same period the Board's payments to the relief beneficiaries were $132,356.41.

The Board receives for its relief department seven per cent of all distributable funds contributed by the churches. This would, if contributions were normal, provide fairly well for the relief work, but with reduced distributable gifts the Board's actual receipts are small, there being a large amount of the gifts designated. Thus it will be seen the aged minister is being sadly overlooked.

Relief Beneficiaries, May 1, 1930 to April 30, 1932; ministers 701, widows 617, emergency relief beneficiary ministers 33, widows 13, dependent children indirectly aided 150, total 1323.

In the Annuity Department the present membership is 1499. Of these 1288 are active paying members, 122 are disabled annuitants. There are 78 widow annuitants and 7 orphan annuitants. There are 4 special annuitants (ministers). The total number receiving annuities during 1931 was 211. The total amount paid in annuities during that period was $78,661.18.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. STROUP.

Upon motion to adopt the report is spoken to by Mr. Stroup and Hugh F. Latimer, representative of the Board, after which the report was adopted.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried the constitution of the Association was amended by changing the number of members of the Executive Board from six to nine. The committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee now outstanding was authorized and directed to nominate three persons for the places open under this

amendment.

The Associational Treasurer, J. Y. Killian, reports at this time, reading the following report:

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance on hand from 1931 (interest)	$ 4.12
Interest collected	168.08
Principal collected on Claremont Hosiery Mills note	127.92
TOTAL	$ 300.12
Paid to Miss Florella Erwin	$ 150.00
Paid to Miss Mae Danner	150.12
	$ 300.12

NOTES

Town of Maiden	$1,850.00
W. D. Hursey, Claremont, N. C.	500.00
Balance due on the Claremont Hosiery Mills Note	372.08
Total Amount of the Scholarship Fund	$2,722.08

The report on Woman's Work was next had, Mrs. E. N. Carr reading the following:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Born of prayer, the Woman's Missionary Union has through all its years encouraged its members and organizations to "Advance upon their knees." This emphasis has been sustained through the devotional services of the society programs, through week of prayer for State, Home and Foreign Missions, through the Calendar of Prayer, the family altar page in the Union magazine, Royal Service.

As we face the future with its work and unknown problems as well as its glorious possibilities, it is encouraging to look at the past with its history of noble achievements. The past Woman's Missionary history reads like a series of miracles which indeed it is, for it is a record of what can be wrought by faith in the power of God to use weak efforts to bring to pass mighty results. It was in the year 1888, forty-four years ago, that thirty-two women met in Richmond, Va., and organized the Woman's Missionary Union.

The South Fork Association has always been fortunate in its leaders and names of the past leaders were given in the report last year. During the past years Mrs. O. Joe Howard was our most efficient superintendent, and at her own request her resignation was accepted. She did splendid work with the young people, establishing the Y. W. A. Camp in our Association. Thirty young people from the South Fork Association attended the Y. W. A. Conference at Ridgecrest this year. This conference was educational, inspirational and spiritual.

Upon the resignation of Mrs. Howard the Union was indeed fortunate to secure Mrs. Cantrell of Newton as their superintendent.

Dr. and Mrs. Cantrell have rendered valuable service, not only to their church but to the entire Association. During the year Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Redwine of First Church, Hickory, have come into our midst. Already they have taken hold of the work in a fine way. Mrs.

Redwine, being a southwide field representative, will be able to give us valuable information about our Woman's Work. There are many yet unenlisted. The challenge is ours. What will we do? In His name let us go forward and so labor together for the extension of the Lord's Kingdom that the shout will resound around this world, as per our watchword, "Jesus Shall Reign."

A charge to keep I have
A God to glorify.
A never dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age
My calling to fulfill,
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. N. CARR.

The report was discussed by Mrs. R. K. Redwine and duly adopted.

The Auditing Committee reported to the Association, submitting their report as follows:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, appointed by the Moderator to examine the books of the Treasurer of South Fork Association, report as follows:

We have examined the books and find that same are well kept, clear in statement, and, according to our opinion, absolutely correct. The invested funds are well secured by notes and mortgages and the investments themselves wisely made.

We wish to commend Brother Killian most highly for the business-like manner in which he has handled the funds of the Association.

ELBERT F. HARDIN, Chairman
R. L. BOLICK
R. G. SHORT

Committee on Place and Preacher recommended at this time that the Association meet in its next annual session with with Olivet Church and that Dr. R. K. Redwine preach the annual sermon. The report is duly adopted, thereby fixing place and naming preacher for the 55th annual session.

The committee appointed to recommend persons to fill expired terms of members of Executive Committee and vacancies and three new persons on the committee by virtue of the constitutional amendment, recommended that J. R. Killian, R. H. Harrill and R. L. Bolick be elected for a period of three years; E. F. Sullivan, F. B. Tilley and T. H. Caldwell to serve for two years, and N. P. Williams, C. S. Echerd and G. S. Caldwell to serve for one year. Upon motion duly seconded and carried the persons herewith nominated are elected.

Moderator appoints W. W. Marr, C. M. Robinson and E. F. Hardin as committee to nominate three messengers from this Association to the Baptist State Convention.

Association recesses until evening session at 7:15 and after singing of hymn, closing prayer is led by Rev. J. L. Martin, member of Penelope Church.

Evening Session

The Association reconvened at 7:15 P. M., with Glenn Bolch of Highland Church in charge of the devotional service. Mr. Bolch read Scripture passage, John 15:15-16 and talked on importance of choosing an active Christian duty. Good points were given in this talk.

Report on B. Y. P. U. to the Association was submitted by Miss Lottie Buff of Highland Church, who read the following:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U'S.

Mr. James A. Ivey left the B. Y. P. U. Department the first of January after serving as B. Y. P. U. Secretary for four years. He did a splendid work with the young people. Since he left, Miss Winnie Rickett has been serving as B. Y. P. U. Secretary and ably assisting her as Field Worker is Miss Mable Starnes. The State and Region Convention of officers have been very active in assisting in conferences, rallies study courses and various other meetings. The following are the statistics:

Adult Unions	127
Senior Unions	992
Intermediate Unions	597
Junior Unions	676
Total	2,392
General Organizations	457
Associational Organizations	60
Study Course Awards	20,020

Standards of Excellence, Free Literature and Study Course Text Books

Effective January 1, 1932, the Standards of Excellence for the General Organization and the several grades of the B. Y. P. U. will carry several changes. There will be a new and enlarged list of study course books for all the grades and divisions of B. Y. P. U. These changes were wrought out in a conference of the B. Y. P. U. workers of the South at Nashville, Tenn., in May, 1931.

The Baptist Adult Union is not a new organization, but has only recently come into its place of proper emphasis. For this organization quarterlies are prepared, and a new study course text book. This organization has come about because of there being so many adults who have not received B. Y. P. U. training. The increase in the number of these organizations in our state is very rapid, there being 150 at present.

The annual meeting of the State B. Y. P. U. was held at Ridgecrest July 2-8, 1932. The program, combining the regular convention

with the assembly, was carried out and the increased attendance seems to establish the wisdom of having a six day meeting.

In the early spring five regular Regional Conventions were held at central points. Approximately a total of 3,000 young people attended these meetings.

During the summer months simultaneous study courses were held in the western part of the state in six associations. Strengthening the work in the churches as well as promoting new organizations were kept in mind by the young people who assisted with this work.

In the bounds of the South Fork Association there has been reported during the past year fourteen A-1 Unions, and four A-1 General Organizations. There have been given 638 Study Course awards.

The City Wide Union of Hickory has won the State Banner for the second year in succession. Efforts are being put forth to secure books for an Associational Library in order to promote study course work among the unions of the Association.

The Annual Associational meeting at Catawba in June was a distinct success.

Respectfully submitted,
(MISS) LOTTIE BUFF.

Upon motion to adopt, Miss Buff commented on the report, after which it was duly adopted.

The Association was pleased with presentation of quartet from Wingate College by President Coy Muckle. The quartet was composed of Messrs. Morgan, McCrosgy, Cates and Redwine and accompanied at the piano by Miss Redwine. They rendered several vocal selections, of which the Moerator expressed appreciation of the Association.

In the absence of C. W. Ervin, the appointed writer, G. S. Whisnant of East Maiden Church, read the report on Bible Schools to the Association, which was as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Since the days of Nehemiah and Ezra, God's people have found it worth while to come together for the study of God's Word. In our day the Sunday School furnishes one of the most helpful departments of our church work.

Last year Southern Baptists shows a gain of 325 Sunday Schools. This is encouraging for since 1925 they have shown a continuous loss. In North Carolina last year there were 2,313 Sunday Schools or a gain of only fourteen over the year before. It is gratifying to note, however, that the gain in pupils was 7,643. The South Fork Association reported in 1931 a total of 6,553 church members and 7,047 Sunday School members. The gain in Sunday School members was 811 over the previous year.

Leadership is important in Sunday School work as in all our work. The constant training of our Sunday School forces is, therefore, imperative. We would not underestimate Christian character, in fact it is fundamental in this work, but why should we have to choose between

trained leaders and consecrated leaders? Why not train our consecrated leaders and consecrate our trained leaders? Southern Baptists have outstripped all other denominations in Sunday School work, largely because of their emphasis on a great training program.

WE RECOMMEND:

1st. That every church make an earnest effort to enlist all its constituency, and especially all its members, in the Sunday School.

2nd. That reasonably adequate department and class rooms be provided for the needs of each school as early as possible.

3rd. That the officers and teachers and prospective workers start and keep up almost continuously a class or classes, using books recommended for study courses by our denomination.

4th. That each Sunday School take an offering for the Mills Home each month and forward the same promptly to Thomasville. They should also subscribe to "Charity and Children" in clubs.

Respectfully submitted,
G. S. WHISNANT.

Upon motion to adopt, the report was spoken on by Pastor E. F. Sullivan, Associational Superintendent of Sunday Schools, who stressed the importance of preparedness for teaching in Sunday Schools. The report was then adopted.

The quartet from Wingate College again sang for the Congregation, after which the Association paused to rest and sang the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Moderator surrendered chair to Vice-Moderator Sullivan to introduce the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Sullivan eulogized President Coy Muckle of Wingate College very highly. Mr. Muckle made a helpful and inspiring talk on young people and their work.

Moderator thanked Mr. Muckle and the quartet for their coming to the Association, and in adjourning for the day the Association stands and sings a hymn, after which the session is closed with prayer by Pastor W. E. Bost.

Second Day

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1932

The South Fork Association reconvened at 9 o'clock A. M. September 30th in the 4th session of the 54th annual session with song service led by S. A. Stroup. Devotional service was conducted by Pastor L. A. McClure who read the fourth chapter of John and commented thereon.

Under the head of miscellaneous business, the Committee to investigate credentials of new church reports and states that the church in question—Amity Church—had formerly been a member of this Association and is not, therefore, a new church and that the same is only to be re-included in the records.

Complying with provisions of the Constitution Moderator appoints Program Committee for the next annual session, appointing to serve on this committee Pastors E. F. Sullivan, S. A. Stroup and L. A. McClure.

Motion is offered and carried that the Association hold an extraordinary session some time during the Spring of 1933 and that the time, place and details be left with the Executive Committee.

The report on Temperance was next submitted to the Association, Pastor M. I. Harris reading the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Prohibition has proven its worth in the last nine years from a social, economical and business standpoint. Prohibition has passed the experiment stage, and has more than met the expectations of those who labored so long for it. We know that the law has been broken, but we also know that all laws are broken, and that the wets have always been law breakers. They did so under legalized saloon and the government distillery. They have always been disobedient to law and always will be.

Over six years ago C. G. Russell wrote of prohibition: "The only test of prohibition that counts is the economical test." King George said if America holds on to prohibition ten years longer, Great Britain will be forced to go dry, for half-drunk Britons cannot compete with sober Americans.

Roger W. Babson is recognized as an authority in the trend of business. He says both friends and foes of prohibition must agree in the increased purchasing power of the masses. He says this is due to prohibition and not to increaed wages. Men now take their money home to buy for their families.

Henry Ford says: "Without prohibition business would of necessity go back to the position it occupied at the beginning of the century."

Mr. Gray says that drink and prosperity are incompatible.

Since the adoption of the 18th amendment, our annual purchase of life insurance has been doubled three and one-half times. Now over six hundred and fifty million dollars worth of insurance is in force.

Judge Cochron of Norfolk, Va., says: "Prohibition has reduced crime one-third despite increasing population." Long ago Roosevelt said the liquor traffic caused increased criminality among the masses at large, and among saloon keepers themselves.

Prohibition has proven its worth, and needs no citation to the honest, sober mind. But if Christians and good people in every walk of life do not arouse from their slumber and vote as they pray, we may soon lose all we have gained. Mrs. Graham Dougherty says women will cause the repeal of the 18th Amendment.

The standard of morals is deplorable in this, our day. Sabbath desecration. God's word about the Sabbath has come to be old-fashioned. Dancing is a great evil. Gambling, card playing, swimming pools where both sexes go swimming together. The social standard is very low, the divorce rate is alarming. In some instances we feel that the poor are oppressed, while the sins of this age are crying unto God from the ground.

Resolved, that the South Fork Baptist Association go on record as being opposed to any candidate for public office, president, representative, senator, congressman, or anyone else, no matter what party badge he may wear, who is not in full sympathy with the prohibition law.

Respectfully submitted,
M. I. HARRIS.

Upon motion to adopt, the report was spoken on by Pastors Harris, Sullivan and Robinson, but final action to adopt was deferred until the afternoon session.

Association proceeded with the hearing of reports and next had the report on State Missions by Pastor J. R. Cantrell who read the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The beginning of any movement really worth while is always interesting. We would find great profit, as well as instruction, if we could know the impulses and ultimate causes which led the old Chowan Association in 1826 to adopt a reoslution calling for the appointment of a committee of five brethren "to correspond with associations of the State, with a view to forming a State Convention and report at our next association."

This beginning eventuated in 1830 in the formation of the North Carolina Benevolent Society, "and it is simply recorded that at this meeting in 1830 a resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that this Society be transformed into a State Convention." Thus in this very small way began our Baptist State Convention, with an attendance of only fourteen members.

At this first meeting a Board of Directors was appointed, corresponding to our present Mission Board, to direct the missionary activities and efforts of our people, which has continued with only slight interruption during the Civil War unto this good hour.

Wonderful progress has been made by North Carolina Baptists during the 102 years of organized work, and there still remains before them an unfinished task sufficiently large to challenge the best that is in them.

There are 47 State Missionary pastors who have served 104 churches. During the past year they reported 1,322 conversions, 747 baptisms and 737 other additions. Good substantial work has been done by these missionary pastors during the year. Some of them have achieved unusual success, in spite of handicaps. Many of them have shown the spirit of the true pioneer missionary, being willing to make any sort of sacrifice in order that the causes of Christ may be advanced.

Next, our unfinished task. There are in North Carolina at present nearly 1,500,000 people who are not affiliated with any church organization. What a gigantic evangelistic opportunity, and responsibility, since about 40 per cent of all church members in the State are Baptists! If we would save our State and our denomination we must greatly strengthen our State Mission Program so that our missionaries, under the leadership and power of the Spirit, can carry the Gospel to every unsaved individual within our borders.

Another, and perhaps the greatest unfinished task, is that of enlistment. Somehow or other this vast multitude of indifferent, worldly-minded, pleasure seeking members must be enlisted in Kingdom work, and to that end our organized forces must work prayerfully, intelligently and unitedly. As we strengthen our home-base we will be in a better position to extend our efforts to the ends of the earth.

The work of the Board is divided into several departments, each with its own leader or director.

The Sunday School work under the efficient and faithful Perry Morgan, continues to develop needy fields, increase interest in Sunday Schools.

James A. Ivey, within the past few years, has achieved great results in the development of the young people's unions. We are already finding that the B. Y. P. U. has trained many hundreds of young Christians to take positions of leadership in the local churches.

The W. M. U. Department continues its high grade of work under its efficient leaders, leading our women to a higher consideration of New Testament stewardship in practice.

Considering the rapid strides of our State in its development in education, industrialism, agriculture, good roads, hydro-electric power, we must not forget that each stride made by our State in these things means additional obligations on us as Baptists.

State Missions has been one of the major concerns of North Carolina Baptists for more than one hundred years.

We have now in operation the smallest State Mission Program we have had in forty years, and even this will have to be cut further unless the churches take the matter to heart and save the cause of State Misisons.

"If we could invoke the voice of the mighty dead—if Waite, and Meredith, and Huffam, and Livingston Johnson and John E. White, great State Secretaries all—could speak to us from the heights of Beulah Land, they would entreat us to save the remnant of our State Mission Work."

With faith in God, and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit,

let us make each opportunity a privilege for service. Thus will we build a great Baptist commonwealth in the god state which we love.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN R. CANTRELL.

Adoption was deferred until after submission of other Mission reports.

Report on Home Missions was submitted and spoken on by M. S. Brittain of Providence Church, which was as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board's record of work from its organization in 1845, to 1932, a period of eighty-seven years, can hardly be surpassed by any misisonary organization in the world. During this period the Board employed 41,062 missionaries. These missionaries reported as a result of their work 785,500 baptisms. They organized 8,570 churches. These 785,500 baptisms represent one-fifth of the total present membership of Southern Baptists. These 8,570 churches organized by Home Board missionaries represent one out of every three of the total number of churches Southern Baptists now have. The Board received and expended in its work during this period $20,500,000. Millions of dollars were spent in church building and other enterprises, and yet, based on this total, the 785,500 baptisms reported by the missionaries of the Home Mission Board cost on an average of $25.00 a piece. This is a glorious record of achievement and should inspire our people to gird themselves in the strength of the Lord and go forward.

During the past two years the Home Mission Board has been faced with the necessity of doing its work and meeting its obligations on a constantly decreasing income. It has, however, balanced its budget each year, lived within its income, and paid an appreciative amount on the principal of its indebtedness. Since September 1, 1928, the Board has paid on the principal of its indebtedness $659,374. Even though the receipts for the last Convention year were $110,851 less than for the previous year, yet the Board paid $81,896 on the principal of its debt. It is the definite policy of the Board to live within its income and pay its debts.

The Board has been forced to reduce its misson force, but it has not abandoned any of its mission fields. The work has been blessed of the Lord. Among the foreigners, Indians and Negros our missionaries reported last year 1,574 baptisms, as compared with 1,543 the year before. The schools and Good-Will centers reported 1,044 conversions, making a total of 2,618 won to Christ in this department. In the Mountain School work Dr. O'Hara reports 158 baptisms. Dr. M. N. McCall, Superintendent of the work in Cuba, reports 352 baptisms. This makes a total in all fields of 3,128 baptisms.

Among the foreigners the Board has 38 workers supplying 122 churches and mission stations. There were 22 new missions opened up lat year. The three mission schools: The Anglo-Mexican Institute, A. Velez, Principal, El Paso; the Mexican Baptist Institute, Paul Bell, Principal, Bastrop, Texas; and Acadia Academy, A. S. Newman, Principal, Church Point, La., with a combined enrollment of 283, with 56 ministerial students, report 475 baptisms during the year.

The work among the Indians is very fruitful. There are 21 workers

and 40 churches and missions. Last year the missionaries reported 486 additions to the church and 2,352 persons reached by personal service. No field right now is whiter for the harvest than this.

During the past year the six workers among the Negros reported 494 additions to the church. Dr. R. T. Pollard, Dean of Selma University, who is supported by the Board, reported 27 ministerial students and 75 other students receiving instruction in the Bible in his depart ment. There are in the South approximately 10,000,000 Negroes. Southern Baptists should greatly enlarge their work among our colored brethren.

The Good-Will Centers at Christopher, Ill., West Frankfort, Ill., Birmingham, Ala., East St. Louis, Ill., and New Orleans, La., together with the Seamen's Bethel in Jacksonville, Fla., and the Rescue Missions, New Orleans, La., are all doing a most excellent work. The combined reports of these missions show 2,837 religious services held, 65,083 persons in attendance and 1,044 conversion.

The work in Cuba is progressing nicely. Dr. M. N. McCall, the Superintendent, reports 42 churches and 46 missions. There are 31 ordained preachers and 12 unordained workers. There are 8 American missionaries. The rest are natives. These workers baptized 352 people, made 26,191 missionary visits, distributed 335,196 tract and Bibles. There are 3,421 members of Baptist churches and 3,795 enrolled in Sunday School. There is no richer field in all the world for the Gospel than Cuba.

In Panama we have seven mission churches and one self-supporting church. The Balboa Heights Baptist Church is a real flouishing aggressive Baptist Church. The Board owns the property, both church house and pastor's home, but the church is self-supporting. The seven mission churches are colored churches—Jamaicans who came to the Zone to build the Canal. They are pastored by two preachers, one living on the Atlantic end of the Canal and the other at the Pacific end of the Canal. The eight churches have a combined membership of about 800. The pastor of the Balboa Heights Church, Dr. Alfred Carpenter, now in the States on vacation, is the Superintendent of this work without salary.

The Board is interpreting Missions to be primarily the making and baptizing of disciples. Its policy is, therefore, to major on preaching the Gospel in Cuba and Panama, and to the foreigners, the Indians, the Negroes, and in the congested centers in the cities of our homeland.

It is for this task that it asks Southern Baptists to enlarge their gifts to Home Missions. There was never a greater need than now. May our Baptist people not be found wanting in their hour when it is "Christ or Chaos."

Respectfully submitted,
M. S. BRITTAIN.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted and spoken on by Pastor W. W. Marr of West Hickory Church, reading the following report:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We have had a distressing and discouraging decline in receipts in the last two years while the work prospered wonderfully.

A glance backward shows that in the last twenty-five years we

have made marvelous gains.

In 1900 we had two hundred fourteen churches with 12,894 members, in 1931 we had 2,681 churches with 169,311 members or 13 times as many as in 1906. We baptized more people last year than we had members in 1906. These churches gave for the support of the work last year $145,000.00 more than Southern Baptists gave for the support of the Foreign Board twenty-five years ago.

These churches are organized into associations and conventions with their boards, much as they are here at home.

It is marvelous how the work has stood the strain of the past two years. This fact shows that God is it's strentgh, and that the everlasting arms are beneath it, and while we continue to support this work we must press on to other fields, whose ripeness calls for harvesters.

Last year we baptized 16,568, the largest number ever baptized in a single year. One Baptist Pastor in Africa, baptized 1,444 with 1000 seeking baptism. This reminds one of the prophesy: "And Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands."

Our Pressing Emergency

Receipts for this work fall off during the summer and fall months, and we have been borrowing from the banks to tide us over, and paid this money back when receipts revived. Because the receipts have not revived sufficiently in the last two years, we are now unable to borrow money, and what shall we do?

In response to this statement of the Foreign Mission Board, the Southern Baptist Convention appealed to Southern Baptists to raise $300,000.00 for Home and Foreign Missions during June and July. $190,000 for Foreign Missions; $110,000 for Home Missoins. May we be faithful to the work to which God has called us.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. MARR.

All three of the preceeding reports were spoken on by M. A. Huggins, Acting General Secretary of the State Convention, after which all Mission reports were adopted.

Motion was made and duly carried that the Executive Committee of the Association be asked to estimate the amount needed for minute fund and other associational expenses next year, and that they apportion the amount needed among the different churches according to ability, and notify each church thirty days prior to the Association of the amount each is expected to pay.

The Committee appointed to recommend ways and means to increase amount in Treasury, reports and recommends that a special fund be taken at this time to supplement the minute fund and also to pay expenses incurred during the past year by the Chairman of the Promotion Committee. This offering was taken and the amount of $16.01 was realized of which $15.00 was given to Chairman of the Promotion Committee on his expense account.

The Association recessed for lunch and was dismissed with prayer by W. A. Hoffman, a pastor of Gaston Association.

Afternoon Session

The South Fork Association reconvened at 1:30 P. M., September 30th, 1932, in its 5th and final session of the 54th annual session. Singing of a hymn was led by Pastor S. A. Stroup, after which the devotional service of the afternoon was led by Pastor S. M. Stroup. He read Scripture passage Romans 12:1-9 and commented on same.

One of the most important items of the Association was next taken up, that of the two minute report from each church; the roll of churches in the Association was called and a representative from each church gave a brief report from his or her church as to statistics, enrollment of different organizations and the general spirit of the church and other phases of the year's work.

Moderator called Pastor M. L. Buchanan to take charge of the meeting at this time, he having charge of the memorial service. Pastor Buchanan read the report as shown on the next following page, the same being duly adopted, and as a token of respect the Association paused for a moment.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Since the last report on Obituaries, death has claimed 38 of our members, as follows:

BETHEL
Mr. W. C. Mullen (Deacon)

BROOKFORD
Mrs. Cynthia Waters
Mrs. J. W. Poovey

CATAWBA
Mrs. Eula Coulter
Mr. R. C. Frazier

CENTER VIEW
Mrs. Rebecca Turbyfill

CORINTH
Mrs. Emma Fulbright

GAINSVILLE
Mrs. R. L. Loyns

GOODSONVILLE
Miss Elizabeth B. Caldwell

HICKORY FIRST
Mrs. J. R. Hosley
Mrs. J. C. Barber
Mr. Joe Elliott Sherrill

WEST HICKORY
Mrs. C. H. Chester
Mr. N. M. Cordell
Mrs. Loyd Pierce

HIGHLAND
Mrs. J. Lee Fry
Mrs. W. P. Lael

LAWING'S CHAPEL
Mr. M. P. Abernethy
Miss Minnie Newton
Mr. Jack Robinson

LEONARD'S FORK
Mrs. C. O. Houser

LINCOLNTON FIRST
Mrs. L. F. Duncan
Mrs. J. V. Blackburn
Rev. P. W. Bangle,
(Retired Minister)

MACEDONIA
Miss Lois E. Bollinger
Mrs. D. R. Hovis

MAIDEN FIRST
Mrs. Ed Withers

MOUNT RUHAMA
Mrs. Nancy Campbell
Mrs. Fannie Bradshaw

MOUNTAIN GROVE
Mrs. W. T. Cline

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Miss Celestine Killian
Mr. Watt Overcash

NEWTON FIRST
Mr. J. F. Fairchild

OLIVET
Mrs. W. D. Parker

PENELOPE
Mrs. W. D. Parker

PENELOPE
Mr. J. A. Hildebrand
(Trustee)

REEPSVILLE
Mrs. Washington Helms

RIVER VIEW
Mrs. Perotine Tutherow

SALEM
Mrs. A. C. Lewis

We are warned by the passing of the above named that we, too, are pilgrims and must soon join the great caravan that slumber in the bosom of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. BUCHANAN.

Under the miscellaneous business the Association took up and disposed of the following items:

Mrs. J. W. Bowles was reelected associational representative of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

The Association elected T. P. Pruitt associational representative of the Mills Home.

The Union Fifth Sunday meetings as sponsored by the Executive Committee were ordered to be continued with the Executive Committee in charge of the programs and meetings.

Action of representatives of the Association in special meeting called by Perry Morgan, Secretary of the State Convention, and held with Hickory First Church duirng the past year in forming a Promotion Committee, was, upon motion duly seconded and carried, endorsed and ratified, the committee as formed by these representatives to be the official Promotion Committee of this Association, with S. A Stroup as Chairman of the Committee.

The Association unanimously, by rising vote, expressed to Brother W. W. Ervin its appreciation of his services during this session in acting as clerk in absence of Clerk Harrill.

Moderator Hatfield made the following assignments by naming writers for the several subjects for the next annual session:

Biblical Recorder	*Pastor W. C. Laney*
State Missions	*Pastor W. E. Bost*
Home Missions	*Pastor E. F. Hardin*
Foreign Missions	*Pastor R. K. Redwine*
Christian Education	*Pastor E. F. Sullivan*
Temperance	*Pastor L. R. Williams*
Mills Home	*Pastor S. M. Stroup*
Obituaries	*Pastor C. M. Robinson*
W. M. U.	*Mrs. J. R. Cantrell*
Ministerial Relief and Annuities	*J. O. Allen*
Baptist Hospital	*Mrs. J. W. Bowles*
Bible Schools	*Pastor J. L. Teague*
B. Y. P. U.	*Cleetus Cantrell*

Pastor E. F. Sullivan, having been instructed to write resolutions of respect of Dr. M. L. Kesler, read the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

The members of the South Fork Association in session September 29-30, 1932, express deepest appreciation of M. L. Kesler, General Manager of the Mills Home. His sudden death removes from us a most noble Christian and the Premier orphanage leader of the South. Deepest sympathy is extended the bereaved.

E. F. Sullivan, *Committee.*

Pastor Redwine introduced the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved, that we extend to the membership of the Mountain Grove Church, the pastor of the church and people of the community, our sincere and hearty thanks for their generous hospitaliy and the splendid entertainment of the 1932 session of the South Fork Baptist Association.

This concluded the program and business of the 54th Annual Session of the North Carolina South Fork Baptist Association, and upon motion the Association adjourned, to meet with Olivet Baptist Church on Thursday after the 4th Sunday in September, 1933.

Moderator Hatfield declared the 54th Annual Session to be adjourned and called upon the Association to stand and sing the closing hymn, after which the congregation was dismissed with prayer.

Church Directories

EXHIBIT A PASTORS, OTHER MINISTERS, ETC.

NAME	ADDRESS	THEIR WORK	CHURCH
C. A. Abernethy	Icard	Pastor	Warlick's
L. A. Bangle	Lincolnton	Pastor	Gainsville
E. W. Baucom	Victory Sta., Gastonia	Pastor	Antioch
S. W. Bennett	Lincolnton	Minister	Lincolnton First
W. E. Bost	Valdese	Pastor	Corinth & Providence
J. W. Buchanan	Lincolnton	Student-Minister	Goodsonville
M. L. Buchanan	Maiden	Pastor	Cedar Grove & Maiden First
G. S. Caldwell	R-5, Lincolnton	Student-Minister	River View
A. L. Campbell	Gastonia	Pastor	Reepsville
J. R. Cantrell	Newton	Pastor	Newton First
M. G. Chapman	Lincolnton	Pastor	Amity
T. H. Ervin	Wake Forest	Student-Minister	Catawba
E. F. Hardin	Lincolnton	Pastor	Lincolnton First
M. I. Harris	R-4, Hickory	Pastor	Penelope
H. B. Jones	Lincolnton	Pastor	Faith and Goodsonville
W. C. Laney	Brookford	Pastor	Brookford
John R. Link	Maiden	Minister	East Maiden
A. A. Lockee	Mount Holly	Pastor	Lincoln Avenue
J. L. Martin	Hickory	Minister	Penelope
W. W. Marr	11th Ave., Hickory	Pastor	West Hickory
L. A. McClure	Alexis	Pastor	Center View, Lawings Chapel, Mt. Ruhama, and Mtn. View
W. B. McClure	Alexis	Pastor	Macedonia
J. B. Payne	High Shoals	Pastor	Bethel
P. H. Pernell	Lincolnton	Retired-Minister	Lincolnton First
F. L. Prather	Hickory	Minister	West Hickory
R. K. Redwine	Hickory	Pastor	Hickory First
M. P. Rhyne	Dallas	Pastor	Salem
T. H. Roach	Lincolnton	Pastor	Mt. Zion and River View
C. M. Robinson	R-3, Vale	Pastor	Denver, Leonards Fork, and Piney Grove
R. G. Short	Newton	Pastor	North Newton
S. A. Stroup	R-2, Catawba	Pastor	Catawba and Olivet
S. M. Stroup	Alexis	Pastor	Sharon
E. F. Sullivan	Hickory	Pastor	Highland
J. L. Teague	Hickory	Pastor	Mountain Grove
L. R. Williams	Maiden	Pastor	East Maiden and Southside
G. P. Young		Minister	Providence

CHURCH DIRECTORIES (Continued)

EXHIBIT B. B. Y. P. U. PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCHES	GENERAL DIRECTOR	ADULT PRESIDENT	SENIOR PRESIDENT	INTERMEDIATE LEADER	JUNIOR LEADER
Brookford	B. B. Bishop, Brookford	Mrs. J. J. Steppe, Brookford	Henry Wallace, R-1, Hickory	R. L. Bolick, Brookford	Mrs. Lillian Holsclaw, Brookf'd
Catawba	Everette Danner, Catawba		H. A. Witherspoon, Catawba	Miss Susie Danner, Catawba	
Corinth	C. V. Stallings, R-4, Vale		Velma Stallings, R-4, Vale	Marlow Stallings, R-4, Vale	
Goodsonville	Z. T. Wise, R-3, Lincolnton		J. C. Burke, R-3, Lincolnton		Maggie Icard, R-3, Lin'ton
Hickory First	Louis H. Bogle, Hickory	Mrs. Mary Lawrence, Hickory	Harry Miller, Hickory	D. B. Taylor, Kathryn Perry	Alma McCall Myrtle Campbell
West Hickory	C. H. Brittian, R-1, Hickory	Mrs. C. O. Beach, W. Hickory	Mrs. W. W. Marr, Hickory	Mrs. D. D. Duncan, W. Hick'y	Mrs. J. E. Day, W. Hickory
Highland	S. C. Duncan, Hickory	R. N. Penland, Hickory	James Kerr, Hickory	E. M. Suggs, Hickory	Miss Faye Philips, Hickory
Lincolnton First	Mrs. Emily Eaton, Lincolnton		R. H. Harrill, Lincolnton	Mrs. E. F. Hardin, Lincolnton	Mrs. George Brevard, Lin'ton
East Maiden	R. B. Cook, R-4, Lincolnton		Miss Irene Cook, R-4, Lin'ton	Haskel Sidess, Maiden	Mrs. Geo. Williams, Maiden
Maiden First			I. W. Benfield, Maiden	W. C. Laney, Maiden	Miss Matye Whitener, Maiden
Newton First	Miss Thelma Robinson Newton		Cleetus Cantrell, Newton		Mrs. J. W. Coley, Newton
North Newton		Miss Margretta Beal, Newton			
Olivet	H. E. Fisher, Long Island		Miss Stella Elliott Long Island	Miss Maude Pope, Catawba	
Penelope	Miss Nellie Butler, W. Hickory	Mrs. H. A. Starnes, Hickory	Russell Robinson R-4, Hickory	G. S. Robinson, R-4, Hickory	Mrs. M. I. Harris, R-4, Hick'y
Southside	Ray Parker, Goodsonville		Vernon Smith, Lincolnton		Ray Parker, Goodsonville
Warlick's			Alvin Drowman, Icard		

EXHIBIT C. W. M. S. AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCHES	W. M. S. PRESIDENT	Y. W. A. COUNSELOR	G. A. LEADER	R. A. LEADER	SUNBEAM LEADER
Brookford	Mrs. Lela Steppe, Brookford				
Catawba	Mrs. G. B. Wike, Catawba				
Goodsonville	Mrs. Fannie Goodson R-3, Lin.	Mrs. M. F. Dellinger, Lin'ton			
Hickory First	Mrs. C. C. Craft, Hickory	Mrs. O. Joe Howard, Hickory	Mrs. E. W. Walton, Hickory	Mrs. E. N. Carr, Hickory	Louise McCoy, Hickory
West Hickory	Mrs. W. L Goodson, W Hickory				
Highland	Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Hickory	Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory	Mrs. J. C. Bridgeman Hickory	R. N. Penland, Hickory	Mrs. H. C. Robinson, Hickory
Lawings Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernethy, Lin'ton				
Lincolnton First	Mrss T. V. Lineberger Lin'ton	Mrs. Emily Eaton, Lincolnton	Mrs. Shuford, Mrs. Knight	Mrs. G. W. Tobey, Lincolnton	Mrs. M. T. Leatherman, Lin'tn
East Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams, Maiden				
Maidn First	Mrs. M. L. Buchanan, Maiden	Miss Pearlee Goodin, Maiden			
Mountain Grove	Mrs Frank Link, R-1, Hickory	Mrs. Harry Frye R-1, Hickory			
Newton First	Mrs J. W. Hollingsw'th Newton	Mrs. Gilmer Sides, Newton			Mrs B. R. McCreight, Newton
North Newton	Mrs. R. G. Short, Newton				
Olivet					Miss Lucile Brown, Long Island
Penelope	Mrs. W. A. Cook, W. Hickory	Mrs. M. I. Harris R-4, Hickory	Mrs. M. C. Abee, W. Hickory		Mrs. F. F. Digh, W. Hickory
River View	Mrs. S. A. Hutchins, Lin'ton	Mrs. R. A. Coffey Lincolnton			Mrs. T. H Roach Lincolnton

EXHIBIT D. HISTORICAL TABLE

Note: Records prior to 1925 not available.

DATE OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHED SERMON
October 1-2, 1925	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	T. C. Singleton
Sept. 30-Oct 1, 1926	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. D. Barton
September 29-30, 1927	Corinth	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. A. Ivey
September 27-28, 1928	Mount Ruhama	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	R. G. Short
September 26,27, 1929	Mount Zion	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	E. F. Hardin
October 2-3, 1930	Warlick's	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	Dr. C. F. Pittman
October 1-2, 1931	Maiden First	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	J. R. Cantrell
September 29,30, 1932	Mountain Grove	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	M. I. Harris

Statistical Reports

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country	When Constituted	PASTOR'S AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAYS OF MEETING	GAINS					LOSSES								
					Members Reported Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Papers
Amity	Country	1905	M. G. Chapman Goodsonville	Second	36	5	5					5		41	No	1	3	0
Antioch	Country	1922	H. W. Baucom Victory Sta., Gastonia	Fourth	54									52	Yes		1	
Bethel	Country	1895	J. B. Payne High Shoals	Third	92	1		4		1			1	95	No	1	1	2
Brokford	Village	1937	W. C Laney Brookford	Every	177	35		4	15	16	29		2	184	Yes	3	2	10
Catawba	Village	1878	S A. Stroup R-2, Catawba	First, Third	175	9	17					3	2	196	Yes	1	1	
Cedar Grove	Country	1902	M. L. Buchanan Maiden	Second, Fourth	20	10	10							40	Yes	2		
Center View	Country	1915	L. A. McClure Alexis	First, Third	131	11	2			4			1	139	Yes	1	2	
Corinth	Country	1840	W. E. Bost Valdese	Fourth	155	11	8			6	13		1	154	No	1	1	3
Denver	Village	1914	C. M. Robinson R-3, Vale	Second	19							1		18	No	1		
Faith	Country	1905	H. B. Jones Goodsonville	Second	30	5	7							42	No	1	1	
Gainsville	Country	1923	L. A. Bangle Lincolnton	Second, Fourth	100	15	1			1				115	No	1	2	1
Goodsonville	Village	1922	H. B. Jones Goodsonville	Every	185	42	9	1		10			1	226	Yes	2	4	1
Hickory First	City	1870	Dr. R. K. Redwine Hickory	Every	738	40	52	4		38	3	97	3	693	Yes	1	4	50
West Hickory	City	1905	W. W. Marr 2238 11th Ave., Hickory	Every	236	14	22			11		79	3	179	Yes	2	4	4
Highland	City	1912	E. F. Sullivan Hickory	Every	437	63	27	11	7	36	3		2	504	Yes	2	4	15
*Kid's Chapel	Country				22									22				
Lawing's Chapel	Country	1908	A. A. Lockee Mt. Holly	Second	160	14	14	4		3	2	2	3	182	Yes	1	2	
Leonard's Fork	Country	1382	C. M. Robinson R-3, Vale	Third	95	2	2			1		62	1	35	No	1	1	2
Lincoln Avenue	Town	1910	A. A. Lockee Mt. Holly	Second, Fourth	124	11	9	3	2	2				147	Yes	1	4	
Lincolnton First	Town	1859	E. F. Hardin Lincolnton	Every	270	12	30		1	38	8		3	264	Yes	2	4	25
*Long Shoals					13									13				
Macedonia	Country	1834	W. B. McClure Alexis	First, Third	228	10	2			8			2	230				
East Maiden	Town	1827	L. R. Williams Maiden	First, Third	172	22	8			21				181	Yes	1	4	5
Maiden First	Town	1891	M. L. Buchanan Maiden	Every	404	35	5	1		5	45		1	394	Yes	1	3	5
Mount Ruhama	Country	1816	L. A. McClure Alexis	First, Third	242	23	8	1	3	11	3		2	261	Yes	1	2	
Mount Zion	Country	1869	T H. Roach Lincolnotn	Third	138	4	4			13				133		1	2	
Mountain Grove	Country	1881	J. L. Teague R-2, Hickory	Second, Fourth	115	2	1			2			1	115	No	1		2
Mountain View	Country	1854	L. A. McClure Alexis	Fourth	136	7	1			3			2	139	No	1	2	
Newton First	Town	1881	J. R. Cantrell Newton	Every	279	3	13	2	4	10			1	290	Yes	1	4	10
North Newton	Town	1921	R. G. Short ewton	Second, Fourth	128	1	15	2	4	11				139	Yes	1	1	
Olivet	Country	1833	S. A. Stroup R-2, Catawba	Second, Fourth	233	28				4			1	256	Yes	1	2	3
Penelope	Town	1888	M. I. Harris R-4, Hickory	Every	292	29	14	9		12		1	1	330	Yes	2	4	6
Piney Grove	Country	1904	C. M. Robinson R-3, Vale	Second	42		2	1						45	No	1	4	1
Providence	Country	1878	W E. Bost Valdese	Second, Fourth	91	8				1				98	Yes	1	1	
Reepsville	Country	1888	A. L. Campbell Gastonia	Second, Fourth	100	19	8	1		4			1	123	Yes	2	3	2
River View	Country	1897	T. H. Roach Box 372, Lincolnton	Second, Fourth	148	33	9			5	1	29	1	154	Yes	1	4	2
Salem	Country	1849	M. P. Rhyne Dallas	First, Third	88	11	4	1		1			1	102				
Sharon	Country	1884	S. M. Stroup Alexis	First, Third	70	6				3				73		1	2	2
Southside	Country	1925	L. R. Williams Maiden	Second, Fourth	113	3	8			7				117	Yes	1	3	
*Startown					10									10				
Warlick's	Country	1875	C. A. Abernethy Icard	Second	95	26	2	1	1	2				123		1	1	1
TOTALS					6393	570	319	50	37	292	107	279	37	6654		44	83	152

*—Denotes figures from last year's report.

TABLE II. SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City, or Country	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION								
			Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3—5 Years	Primaries 6—8 Years	Juniors 9—12 Years	Intermediates 13—16 Years	Young People 17—24 Years	Adults 25 Years Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is It Standard?	Teachers with Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Have You a Mission School?	Enrollment of Mission School	Did You Hold a D. V. B. S.	Enrollment D. V. B. S.	Av. Attendance of D. V. B. S.
Amity	Country	G. B. Helton R-1, Iron Station	5						47*			52	40	No	No		3					
Antioch	Country	C. C. Devine Lincolnton	3						42*			45										
Bethel	Country	R. A. Long R-2, Lincolnton	6						71*			77	35	No	No	3	1	No		No		
Brookford	Village	R. L. Bolick Brookford	18	20	59	51	33	67	67	14		329	174	Yes	No	10	30	No		Yes	152	135
Catawba	Village	C. W. Ervin Catawba	16	16	17	16	21	26	33			145	70	Yes	No	6	8	No		No		
Cedar Grove	Country	John W. Beard Maiden	9	11	14	11	16	37	10			108	69	Yes	No	4	4	No		No		
Center View	Country	M. C. Laney R-1, Maiden	13						135*			148	105	No	No	1	11					
Corinth	Country	C. C. Propst R-1, Hickory	14	8	13	23	25	9	24	12		128	80	Yes	Yes	10	3	No		No		
Denver	Village																					
Faith	Country	J. R. Black Iron Station	7	7			5	13	6			38	19	No								
Gainsville	Country	C. C. Houser Crouse	8	24		10	31	20	25			118	70	No	No	1	5	No		No		
Goodsonville	Village	Odell Setzer R-3, Lincolnton	17	22	35	33	31	65	59	65		327	162	Yes	Yes	13	34	No		No		
Hickory First	City	Thos. P. Pruitt Hickory	91	39	78	111	80	104	127	57	28	715	428	Yes	Yes	60	38	Yes	30	Yes	272	240
West Hickory	City	W. A. Lutz West Hickory	20	30	45	45	40	50	100			330	202	Yes	No	4	12	Yes	90	Yes	70	60
Highland	City	B. E. Correll Hickory	60	39	79	102	65	100	98	33	58	634	319	Yes	No	40	35	No		No		
Kid's Chapel																						
Lawing's Chapel	Country	J. H. Fish R-4, Lincolnton	13	17	12	27	25	18	43			155	93	Yes	No	6	8	No		No		
Leonards Fork	Country	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse	6	7		8	6		12			39	33	Yes	No	4	2	No		No		
Lincoln Avenue	Town	Reece Mull Lincolnton	15	10	15	44	14	55	57			210	110	Yes	No	6	8	No		No		
Lincolnton First	Town	J. W. Bowles Lincolnton	29	15	33	42	41	18	56	17		251	144	Yes	No	18	9	Yes	63	No		
Longs Shoals																						
Macedonia	Country	Maurice Crouse Lincolnton	10						149*			159	65	No	No		8	No		No		
East Maiden	Town	E. H. Williams Maiden	28	15	15	40	34	45	49	12		238	174	Yes	No	15	20	No		No		
Maiden First	Town	T. H. Caldwell Maiden	26	21	28	74	31	55	72	25		332	211	Yes	No	15	25	No		No		
Mount Ruhama	Country	Geo. W. Caldwell R-2, Maiden	14						214*			228	159	Yes	No		21					
Mount Zion	Country	L. H. Helderman Alexis	8						65*			73	44	Yes	No	7	33					
Mountain Grove	Country	C. S. Echerd R-1, Hickory	12	11	11	25	13	18	24			114	62	Yes	No			No		No		
Mountain View	Country	W. W. Moore Maiden	9						106*			115	66	Yes	No		7					
Newton First	Town	J. Y. Killian Newton	25	20	44	37	38	56	123	52		395	245	Yes	No	5	3	No		No		
North Newton	Town	I. T. Whisnant Newton	15	26	22	23	23	63	48	8		228	150	Yes	No	6	1	No		No		
Olivet	Country	I. C. Saunders Long Island	20	11	18	33	54	52	28	12	8	236	124	Yes	Yes	13	25	No		No		
Penelope	Town	J. B. Phillips R-4, Hickory	42	35	82	88	69	32	152	34		534	268	Yes	No	26	29	No		No		
Piney Grove	Country	E. T. Barker R-1, Claremont	5			15			21	10		51	35	No	No			No		No		
Providence	Country	M. S. Brittain R-4, Vale	18	11	15	28	20	16	44			152	52	Yes	No	14	6	No		No		
Reepsville	Village	McKinley Sronce Vale	16	11	14	23	24	22	30	8		148	110	Yes	Yes	13	18	No		No		
River View	Country	A. E. Weaver R-5, Lincolnton	10	20	40	59	49	80	66			324	160			2	27					
Salem	Country	P. S. Helms R-6, Lincolnton	8	22	14	13	21	29	19	4		130	71	Yes	No	2	9					
Sharon	Country	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	5		7	10	11	16	14			63	35	Yes	No		6	No		No		
Southside	Country	G. B. Whitesides Southside	11	19	12	39	11	66	29			187	125	Yes	No	4	3	No		No		
Startown																						
Warlick's	Country	Geo. Knox R-4, Hickory	19	24	21	20	24	29	25			162	100	Yes		6	15					
TOTAL			651	511	743	1050	855	1161	2290	363	94	7718	116	28	5	314	441	3	183	3	494	145

*—Ungraded enrollment has been placed in adult column.

TABLE III CHURCH PROPERTY, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Mission Chapel	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Amity	E. L. Ballard R-1, Iron Station	Yes	1905	Wood	300				$ 1 000	$	$	$ 1 000	$	$
Antioch	C. C. Devine Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	300	1			1 500			1 500		
Bethel	R. W. Long R-2, Lincolnton	Yes	1895	Wood	300	1			500			500		375
Brookford	R. L. Bolick Brookford	Yes	1910	Brick	300	15	2	13	20 000			20 000		
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	Yes	1879	Brick	300	1		10	3 500			3 500		
Cedar Grove	J. E. Rhodes R-1, Maiden	Yes	1902	Wood	200	1			300			300		
Center View	J. F. Hovis Maiden	Yes	1915	Wood	500	1			2 000			2 000		
Corinth	Miss Elma Stallings R-4, Vale	Yes	1885	Wood	300	1			2 000			2 000		1 000
Denver	H. N. Abernethy Charlotte	Yes		Wood	300	1			1 500			1 500		
Faith	B. E. Ballard Iron Station	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1			1 200			1 200		
Gainsville	C. C. Houser Crouse	Yes	1923	Wood	300	5		5	2 000			2 000		
Goodsonville	J. P. Williams R-3, Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	700	9		6	4 200			4 200	297 64	3 000
Hickory First	J. D. Greene Hickory	Yes	1900	Brick	800	2	9	30	95 000		5 000	100 000	11 904 75	30 000
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy West Hickory	Yes	1908	Brick	400	18	2	18	12 000		2 000	14 000	1 800 00	4 500
Highland	A. T. Fox Hickory	Yes	1912	Brick	500	32	6	32	25 000		5 000	30 000	1 800 00	5 500
*Kid's Chapel		Yes	1872	Wood					1 575			1 575		
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. G. G. Henry R-4, Lincolnton	Yes	1908	Wood	500	1			2 000			2 000		500
Leonard Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	Yes	1882	Wood	300	1			1 000			1 000		
Lincoln Avenue	W. K. Stover Lincolnton	Yes	1927	Brick	500	10	10	9	10 000			10 000	3 300 00	10 000
Lincolnton First	Geo. P. Brevard Lincolnton	Yes	1921	Brick	450	25	4	22	75 000		5 000	80 000	10 500 00	25 000
*Long Shoals		Yes	1918	Wood	500	1	11	4	1 000			1 000		
Macedonia	W. A. Potts R-3, Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Brick	500				10 000			10 000		
East Maiden	E. H. Williams Maiden	Yes	1927	Wood	400	8		7	4 000			4 000	803 38	
Maiden First	T. H. Caldwell Maiden	Yes	1930	Brick	600	20	2	20	20 000		3 000	23 000	4 700 00	12 000
Mount Ruhama	G. W. Cadwell R-7, Newton	Yes	1913	Wood	500	1		13	3 500			3 500		
Mount Zion	L. H. Helderman Alexis	Yes	1889	Wood	500	1			2 100			2 100		
Mountain Grove	G. F. Huffman R-1, Hickory	Yes	1881	Wood	250	3	1	2	2 000			2 000		
Mountain View	M. O. Gilleland Maiden	Yes	1900	Wood	500	1			2 500			2 500		1 200
Newton First	Perry Hewitt Newton	Yes	1914	Brick	400	10	3	10	25 000		6 000	31 000		10 000
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant Newton	Yes	1923	Wood	300	3	2	2	500		1 400	2 000	450 00	1 500
Olivet	F. B. Tilley Long Island	Yes	1884	Wood	300	12	2	7	2 000		1 600	3 600		2 800
Penelope	M. C. Abee West Hickory	Yes	1888	Wood	400	22	4	22	7 000		3 000	10 000	1 112 20	4 850
Piney Grove	Lee Setzer R-2, Newton	Yes	1905	Wood	350	1			450			450		
Providence	Ted A. Richie R-4, Vale	Yes		Wood	400	4		10	2 500			2 500		1 500
Reepsville	Mrs. John Beaver R-1, Vale	Yes	1878	Wood	200	1			1 000			1 000		
River View	E. L. Johnson R-6, Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	500	8	7	7	5 000		2 000	7 000		
Salem	Clarence Helms R-6, Lincolnton	Yes	1930	Brick	500	3	3		2 500			2 500	300 21	
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	Yes	1900	Wood	300	1	4	4	600			600		
Southside	Miss Alice Huss R-6, Lincolnton	Yes	1925	Wood	400	9	8	8	4 000			4 000	233 50	
*Startown		Yes		Wood	200	1			500			500		
Warlick's	E. T. Berry Icard	Yes	1932	Brick	300	8	8	8	8 000			8 000	1 500 00	
TOTALS									$365 525		$ 34 000	$399 525	$38 701 68	$113 725

*—Denotes figures from previous report.

TABLE IV. GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK												Grand Total for Local Purposes by Church and All Organizations
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs and Debt	Incidentals	Literature for S.S., W.M.S., and B.Y.P.U.	Help for Locail Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total Given By Church	Total Given by All W.M.U Organizations	Total Given by Sunday School	
Amity		$ 22 38	$	$ 7 62	$	$ 52 00	$ 4 20		$	$	$ 86 20	$	$	$ 86 20
Antioch		18 14				19 00					37 14			37 14
Bethel	R. W. Long R-2, Lincolnton	40 68		10 18			15 52				50 86		15 52	66 38
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	1 016 06		161 23	42 00	249 13	181 73		5 00	37 02	1 377 54		314 63	1 692 17
Catawba	C. B. Wike Catawba	417 94		56 13	50 00	47 80	107 91	24 20		18 90	593 42	29 20	100 26	722 88
Cedar Grove	J. E. Rhodes R-1, Maiden	25.00					14 32			8 42	33 42		14 32	47 74
Center View	W. W. Laney R-1, Maiden	129 73		33 40		16 02			1 00	9 20	180 15		9 20	189 35
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant R-1, Hickory	200 00		16 00		33 00	74 25		2 60		251 60		74 25	325 85
Denver	B. L. Beal R-1, Iron Station													
Faith	Miss Della Helderman Alexis	27 00		9 85	4 20		9 70				50 75			50 75
Gainsville	W. E. Ingle Lincolnton	150 00				40 00	20 00		1 00		211 00			211 00
Goodsonville	V. D. Chapman Goodsonville	1 300 00		96 58	283 42	130 36	176 13	24 82	4 00	66 13	2 059 27	22 17		2 081 44
Hickory First	H. G. Stephens Hickory	1 375 00	913 75	780 15	2 898 41	939 72	927 33	103 25	25 00	455 26	6 521 19	1 083 89	812 79	8 417 87
West Hickory	W. S. Abernethy Box 835, Hickory	890 00		28 24	404 90	74 40	118 10		2 50	47 50	1 377 34		188 30	1 565 64
Highland	P. O. Frye Hickory	1 595 78	250 00	108 54	1 184 40	190 45	175 00	7 50	12 00	1 234 46	4 758 13			4 758 13
Kid's Chapel														
Lawing's Chapel	J. J. Henry R-4, Lincolnton	161 01		23 70	1 50	13 80	36 07		1 00		204 79	1 50	30 79	237 08
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	116 00					6 00		1 00	12 00	135 00			135 00
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman Lincolnton	243 50		22 50	5 00	204 81	108 71		1 60		472 41		113 71	586 12
Lincolnton First	M. T. Leatherman Lincolnton	2 499 96	137 00	75 00	769 52	548 93	260 67		10 00		4 301 08			4 301 08
Long Shoals														
Macedonia	N. P. Williams Lincolnton	213 40		35 00	38 85	76 50	2 90				366 65			366 65
East Maiden	G. B. Whisnant R-4, Lincolnton	246 00		30 00	85 00	15 00	83 25		1 60		45 60	75 00	340 25	460 85
Maiden First	Tom Carpenter Maiden	889 40		44 00	960 77	124 60	143 07		60	37 66	1 860 41	137 36	202 33	2 200 10
Mount Ruhama	Loyd Drum Newton	336 60		25 25			31 15	31 33	2 50		426 83			426 83
Mount Zion	E. A. Sadler Alexis	165 70		27 53	4 54	98 30	38 62	26 01	1 75		317 13		45 32	362 45
Mountain Grove	C. S. Echerd R-1, Hickory	254 00		25 00		1 40	42 87		2 40	20 67	282 80	3 50	60 04	346 34
Mountain View	C. F. Killian Maiden	128 00		20 00		29 36			1 00		178 36			178 36
Newton First	C. D. Drum Newton	1 800 00			30 55	206 28	209 78		5 00	35 00	1 970 30		316 31	2 286 61
North Newton	J R. Murray R-4, Newton	354 40		53 50	223 31	31 43	95 43		1 50	22 30	673 01		108 86	781 87
Olivet	W. W. Ervin R-2, Catawba	500 00		63 50	61 00	25 40	107 85	40 00			664 50		133 25	797 75
Penelope	W. A. Cook West Hickory	1 428 50		140 00	528 08	238 12	336 11	25 00	3 50	207 26	2 652 90	37 10	216 57	2 906 57
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy R-2, Catawba	69 10		7 80			14 64				91 54			91 54
Providence	D. W. Brittain R-4, Vale	178 85		25 27	3 80	6 00	18 01		2 00		212 12		21 81	233 93
Reepsville	Marvin Sronce R-2, Lincolnton	120 00		15 00	12 00	10 00	36 00		2 00		144 00		51 00	195 00
River View	C. P. Ramsey R-6, Lincolnton	772 48		30 00	7 00	95 15	55 40	6 50	2 00	9 63	827 61		150 55	978 16
Salem	Jno. R. Avery R-6, Lincolnton	129 86	10 00	14 00	77 80	1 83	24 31	3 50			233 49		27 81	261 30
Sharon	Edna Lineberger Iron Station			18 45			11 43		50		30 38			30 38
Southside	Frank Parker Southside	206 90		20 11	22 00	63 38	71 00		1 00	28 13	257 01	3 50	152 01	412 52
Startown														
Warlick's	W. T. Mull Icard	250 00		26 00	3 500 00		43 46	25 00	2 00	2 32	3 848 78			3 848 78
TOTALS		18,271.37	$1310 75	$2049 53	11,198.05	$3582 17	$3600 92	$ 317 11	$ 96 05	2 251 86	37,784.71	1 393 22	3 499 88	42,677.81

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, BENEVOLENCES, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	Total to Co-Operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian and Ministerial Education	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total for all Missions, Etc., by the Church Only	Total Given By W. M. U. Organizations	Total Given by the Sunday School	Grand Total for Missions, Etc., by the Church and All Departments	Grand Total all Gifts for All Purposes by Church and All Depts.
Amity	$	$	$	$	$	$	$			$	$	$	$	86 20
Antioch														37 14
Bethel						6 00						6 00	6 00	72 38
Brookford	262 45	5 29	4 99	4 98		104 87			75 20	337 65		120 13	457 78	2 149 95
Catawba	32 43	30 59	5 00	9 50		70 71				70 02	23 00	55 21	148 23	871 11
Cedar Grove														47 74
Center View				2 00	5 00	19 76				26 76			26 76	216 11
Corinth	81 25			5 00		22 23			1 63	86 25		23 86	110 11	435 96
Denver														
Faith			1 01	3 69		9 72						14 42	14 42	65 17
Gainsville						2 32	1 85			4 17			4 17	215 17
Goodsonville	75 41	2 85	8 90	2 65		152 14			18 15	49 16	62 30	148 64	260 10	2 341 54
Hickory First	2 271 04	176 92	45 04	134 00	220 20	743 07	85 00		45 70	2 644 62	266 49	809 86	3 720 97	12,138.84
West Hickory		6 00	9 75		11 55	2 50			7 80	2 50	35 10		37 60	1 603 24
Highland	779 44	22 39	16 86			135 84	17 13		18 70	798 14		192 22	990 36	5 748 49
Kid's Chapel														
Lawing's Chapel	11 85					12 20				4 05	7 80	12 20	24 05	261 13
Leonard's Fork	12 00									12 00			12 00	147 00
Lincoln Avenue	42 70					24 99	2 53			42 70		27 52	70 22	656 34
Lincolnton First	430 63	16 71	37 43	31 71		156 87	11 25		25 91	611 01	99 50		710 51	5 011 59
Long Shoals														
Macedonia	11 62					9 32				20 94			20 94	387 59
East Maiden	18 00					52 48				5 00	20 00	45 48	70 48	531 33
Maiden First	6 21		1 90			45 85			3 70	6 21	8 50	42 95	57 66	2 257 76
Mount Ruhama	24 80					36 11	4 00			64 91			64 91	491 74
Mount Zion	34 50					78 33			20 00	34 50		98 33	132 83	495 28
Mountain Grove	40 13	3 85	2 45	6 10		35 18	11 97		7 00	49 48	16 20	41 00	106 68	453 02
Mountain View														178 36
Newton First	156 55	26 00	38 00	28 50	1 00	115 00	5 10	8 40	14 50	132 45	145 60	115 00	393 05	2 679 66
North Newton		16 80	5 00	4 00		39 56	4 30		17 00	21 50		65 16	86 66	868 53
Olivet	78 37	17 67	5 15	5 15		36 14				142 48			142 48	940 23
Penelope	95 50	1 55	2 20	1 60		54 63	6 45		82 15	153 00	91 08		244 08	3 150 65
Piney Grove	3 21	1 00	77	1 00		13 84	2 00			21 82			21 82	113 36
Providence	17 50					10 00				17 50		10 00	27 50	261 43
Reepsville	6 49									6 49			6 49	201 49
River View	38 40		19 34	16 11		56 30	7 00			5 00	75 85	56 30	137 15	1 115 31
Salem						25 00				25 00			25 00	286 30
Sharon						24 05	1 15			25 20			25 20	55 58
Southside			2 00			8 11				2 00		8 11	10 11	422 63
Startown														
Warlick's	14 00					12 00				26 00			26 00	3 874 78
TOTALS	$4,544.48	$ 327.62	$ 205.79	$ 255.99	$ 237.75	$2,115.12	$ 159.73	$ 8.40	$ 337.44	$5,448.51	$ 851.42	$1,892.39	$8,192.32	50,870.13

TABLE VI. B. Y. P. U.'s OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Index No.		Does Church Have General B.Y.P.U.	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Int'mediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	TOTAL ENROLLED	Number Taking Study Course	Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Systematic Givers	Students College	Index No.
1	Amity																	1
2	Antioch																	2
3	Bethel																	3
4	Brookford	Yes	1	1	1	2	5		18	18	18	44	98	57	34	61		4
5	Catawba	Yes		1	1		2			19	22		41	14	10	35	4	5
6	Cedar Grove																	6
7	Center View																	7
8	Corinth			1	1		2			14	18		32		27	23		8
9	Denver																	9
10	Faith																	10
11	Gainsville																	11
12	Goodsonville	Yes		1		1	2			36		35	71	11	16	25		12
13	Hickory First	Yes	1	1	2	2	6	4	31	19	40	61	151	105	104	151	12	13
14	West Hickory	Yes	1	1	1	1	4		11	11	22	38	82	60	54	68		14
15	Highland	Yes	1	1	2	2	6		11	13	31	48	103	41	53	56	1	15
16	Kid's Chapel																	16
17	Lawing's Chapel																	17
18	Leonard's Fork																	18
19	Lincoln Avenue																	19
20	Lincolnton First	Yes		1	1	1	3			16	26	25	67	37	19	67		20
21	Long Shoals																	21
22	Macedonia																	22
23	East Maiden	Yes		1	1	1	3			19	17	24	60	44	43	50		23
24	Maiden First	Yes		1	1	1	3			30	30	25	85	15		30		24
25	Mount Ruhama																1	25
26	Mount Zion																	26
27	Mountain Grove																	27
28	Mountain View																	28
29	Newton First	Yes		1		1	2			25		30	55					29
30	North Newton		1				1											30
31	Olivet	Yes		1	2	1	4			22	36	27	85	43	35	17		31
32	Penelope	Yes	1	1	2	2	6	1	34	15	39	37	125	54	51	53		32
33	Piney Grove																	33
34	Providence																	34
35	Reepsville																	35
36	River View																	36
37	Salem																	37
38	Sharon																	38
39	Southside																	39
40	Startown																	40
41	Warlick's																	41
	TOTALS		6	13	15	15	49	5	105	257	299	394	1055	481	446	636	18	

TABLE VII. WOMAN'S WORK, ETC., OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Index No.		Number Missionary Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Index No.
1	Amity														1
2	Antioch														2
3	Bethel														3
4	Brookford	1					1	13					13		4
5	Catawba	1					1	10					10		5
6	Cedar Grove														6
7	Center View														7
8	Corinth														8
9	Denver														9
10	Faith														10
11	Gainsville														11
12	Goodsonville	1	1				2	15	20				35	13	12
13	Hickory First	1	1	2	1	1	6	120	20	28	11	15	194	78	03
14	West Hickory	1					1	21					21	14	14
15	Highland	1	1	1		1	4	28	10	15		15	68	7	15
16	Kid's Chapel														16
17	Lawing's Chapel	1					1	9					9		17
18	Leonard's Fork														18
19	Lincoln Avenue														19
20	Lincolnton First	1	1	2	2	1	7	52	12	42	25	35	166	119	20
21	Long Shoals														21
22	Macedonia														22
23	East Maiden														23
24	Maiden First	1	1				2	9	15				24		24
25	Mount Ruhama														25
26	Mount Zion														26
27	Mountain Grove	1	1				2	9	15				24		27
28	Mountain View														28
29	Newton First	1	1			1	3	30	30			20	80	30	29
30	North Newton	1					1								30
31	Olivet					1	1					16	16		31
32	Penelope	1	1	1		1	4	37	28	12		27	104	12	32
33	Piney Grove														33
34	Providence														34
35	Reepsville														35
36	River View	1	1			1	3	20	23			39	82		36
37	Salem														37
38	Sharon														38
39	Southside														39
40	Startown														40
41	Warlick's														41
	TOTALS	14	9	6	3	7	39	373	173	97	36	167	846	273	

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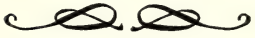

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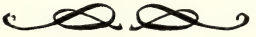

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CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to educate to the ministry, men called of God and approved by the Church to which they belong; to support the Gospel throughout the bounds of the Association; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible by all our people; to promote the work of the Bible School and the Young People and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all departments of their work.

3. This Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the several member churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association, and chairmen of all standing committees. Each church of one hundred members or fraction thereof shall be entitled to two messengers, and for each additional fifty members, an additional messenger; provided, that no church shall have more than five messengers.

4. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Association, and shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Association.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee for the Association, consisting of the Moderator, ex officia, and nine members representing the different sections of the Association. The nine members shall be divided into equal groups and elected for one, two and three years. As the terms expire, the successors shall serve for terms of three years. At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three to nominate, at the following annual session, members to fill vacancies of the Executive Committee. Vacancies occurring between sessions of the Association may be filled until the next session by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Failure without good reason to attend at least two meetings of the Executive Commitee during the year shall disqualify any member from serving the following years. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions and report annually to the Association and bring to the Association such recommendations as they may consider wise.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, at ten A. M. The hours for the convention of further sessions of the Association shall be fixed by the Moderator or by the Program Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee for each annual session, composed of three members, one of which shall be the pastor of the church with which the Association will meet. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare a program for the next annual meeting.

BY - LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The number of the messengers shall be ascertained each day previous to proceeding with the business of the Association.

3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one else to preside if he wishes to vacate the chair.

4. The Parliamentary Proceedure shall be in accordance with "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Practice" which shall be final authority on any question of proceedure arising during the deliberations of the Association.

5. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and shall superintend the printing of the minutes.

Associational Directory

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

L. L. HATFIELD, Hickory, N. C. ..... Moderator
REV. J. R. CANTRELL, Newton, N. C. ..... Vice-Moderator
R. H. HARRILL, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Clerk
J. Y. KILLIAN, Newton, N. C. ..... Treasurer
MISS MARGARET BREVARD, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Assistant Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Expires 1934

E. F. Sullivan, RFD, Hickory
E. G. Abernethy, Catawba
T. H. Caldwell, Maiden

Term Expires 1935

J. Y. Killian, Newton
R. L. Bolick, Brookford
R. H. Harrill, Lincolnton

Term Expires 1936

M. S. Brittain, R-3, Vale
M. H. Laney, R-1, Maiden
G. S. Cladwell, R.-5, Lincolnton

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

G. C. Hewitt, Newton ..... Associational Superintendent
Mrs. Lela Steppe, Brookford ..... Superintendent Hickory District
C. W. Ervin, Catawba ..... Superintendent East-Catawba District
G. S. Whisnant, RFD, Lincolnton ..... Superintendent Maiden District
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse ..... Superintendent Lincolnton District
Miss Katie Burke, RFD, Lincolnton ..... Supt. East-Lincoln District
Miss Rose Moose, Newton ..... Secretary-Treasurer

W. M. U. CONVENTION

Mrs. J. R. Cantrell, Newton ..... Associational Superintendent
Mrs. J. W. Bowles, Lincolnton ..... Associate Associational Supt.
Mrs. C. C. Canipe, Newton ..... Secretary
Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory ..... Treasurer
Mrs. W. A. Cook, West Hickory ..... Leader Hickory District
Mrs. W. M. Lawings, Goodsonville ..... Leader Newton-Maiden District
Mrs. W. S. Lander, Lincolnton ..... Leader Lincolnton District
Mrs. J. L. Putnam, Lincolnton ..... Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. W. L. Boatright, Hickory ..... Personal Service Chairman
Mrs. T. V. Lineberger, Lincolnton ..... Literature Chairman
Miss Myrtle Campbell, Hickory ..... Young Peoples' Leader
Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Hickory ..... Worker-at-Large

B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

Mr. Louis Bogle, Hickory ..... Associational Superintendent
Mr. W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton ..... Associate Associational Supt.
Mr. Chester Perry, Hickory ..... Associate Associational Supt.
Mr. Ed. Canup, Hickory ..... President Hickory District
Miss Susie Danner, Catawba ..... President Newton District
Miss Ophelia Cooke, RFD, Lincolnton ..... President Maiden District
Miss Iris McClure, Alexis ..... President Lincolnton District
Miss Rosebud Walker, Hickory ..... Secretary-Treasurer

List of Messengers

(1933 SESSION)

AMITY	T. M. Wilson*, E. L. Ballard*	Vis. 0
ANTIOCH	C. C. Devine*, Ralph Pendleton*	Vis. 1
BETHEL	W. B. Mullen*, Mrs. W. B. Mullen*, Ed. Grigg*	Vis. 1
BROOKFORD	R. L. Bolick*, Mrs. Fannie Couch*, Wilma Wallace*, Mrs. J. R. Holsclaw*	Vis. 0
CATAWBA	H. A. Witherspoon*, R. H. Browne, Mrs. E. A. Ervin*, Edna Danner*	Vis. 4
CEDAR GROVE	John E. Rhodes*, J. A. Hoyle*	Vis. 1
CENTER VIEW	M. C. Laney*, M. H. Laney*, J. F. Goodson*	Vis. 3
CORINTH	C. V. Stallings*, Elizabeth Bledsoe*, Velma Stallings*	Vis. 0
DENVER	W. F. Keever*, B. L. Beal*	Vis. 1
FAITH	P. L. Sigmon*, Macie Sigmon*	Vis. 2
GAINSVILLE	Annie B. Tutherow, C. C. Houser*, Evline Houser, W. S. Campbell* (A)	Vis. 0
GOODSONVILLE	J. E. Burke*, Mrs. M. F. Dellinger, Mrs. J. P. Williams*, Mrs. W. E. McAllister*, Clyde Devine*	Vis. 5
HICKORY FIRST	J. F. Click*, R. M. Perry*, Mrs. E. W. Walton*, Mrs. E. N. Carr, Mrs. R. K. Redwine*, T. P. Pruitt* (A)	Vis. 10
WEST HICKORY	W. S. Abernethy*, Mrs. W. S. Abernethy*, Mrs. W. L. Goodson*, C. H. Brittain*	Vis. 2
HIGHLAND	A. T. Fox*, Mrs. A. T. Fox*, Mrs. J. C. Bridgeman*, Mrs. O. T. Rockett*, Mrs. J. W. Bass, Mrs. C. D. Hyder* (A)	Vis. 3
KID'S CHAPEL	W. A. Poole*, Mrs. C. A. Keever*	Vis. 0
LAWING'S C'P'L	Mrs. J. J. Henry*, Mrs. Geo. Bandy, Mrs. Clyde Byars, Clyde Byars* (A)	Vis. 1
LEONARD'S FORK	J. W. Hoover*, Mrs. J. W. Hoover*, L. N. Heavner	Vis. 4
LINCOLN AVE.	E. M. Hallman*, Mrs. E. M. Hallman*, Mrs. Alexander Hoke*	Vis. 1
LINC'T'N FIRST	J. O. Allen*, Mrs. J. W. Bowles*, Mrs. J. O. Shuford*, Mrs. G. P. Brevard*, W. E. Garrison*	Vis. 3
LONG SHOALS	J. H. Axsom, T. A. Rash	Vis. 0
MACEDONIA	N. P. Williams, W. A. Potts*, Evelyn Ewing*, Wilvie Ewing*, F. W. Barker* (A)	Vis. 7
EAST MAIDEN	G. S. Whisnant*, R. B. Cook*, Munrow Auton	Vis. 2

MAIDEN FIRST	E. B. Goodin, Mrs. Willis Beal, J. W. Williams, T. H. Caldwell*, Mrs. T. H. Caldwell*, Annie Lee Caldwell* (A)	Vis. 2
MT. RUHAMA	Roy Ratchford*, Frank Ballard*, J. M. Murray*, T. M. Cline*, Ada Ratchford*	Vis. 4
MOUNT ZION	Loyd McGinnis, L. H. Helderman*	Vis. 0
MTN. GROVE	C. S. Echerd*, G. F. Huffman, A. M. Huffman*, Mary Huffman* (A)	Vis. 5
MTN. VIEW	W. F. Ballard*, Carl Killian*, M. O. Gilleland*	Vis. 2
NEWTON FIRST	J. A. Capps*, A. L. Ervin*, J. W. Hollingsworth*, Mrs. Fred York*, Mrs. Garland Wilson, Mrs. C. F. Little* (A)	Vis. 7
NORTH NEWTON	Mrs. B. M. Burke*, Mrs. R. G. Short*, J. H. Stewart*	Vis. 2
OLIVET	W. W. Ervin*, J. T. Elliott*, L. A. White*, J. N. Arndt*, F. B. Tilley*	Vis. 1
PENELOPE	Mrs. H. W. Starnes, Mrs. C. C. Annas*, Mrs. H. M. Frye, Mrs. T. F. Digh*, Rev. J. L. Martin* (A)	Vis. 4
PINEY GROVE	J. T. Abernethy*, E. T. Barker	Vis. 2
PROVIDENCE	Carrie Hudson*, Millie Whitener*, Gladys Whitener*	Vis. 0
REEPSVILLE	Charlie Scronce*, Winnie Scronce*, McKinley Scronce*	Vis. 2
RIVER VIEW	G. W. Punch*, G. S. Caldwell*	Vis. 0
SALEM	Mrs. A. C. Lewis*, Mrs. K. A. McGinnis*, Mrs. Z. W. McGinnis*	Vis. 1
SHARON	S. P. Dellinger*, Mrs. S. P. Dellinger*, Miss Jessie Dellinger*, Miss Lula Fisher*	Vis. 0
SOUTHSIDE	Roy Parker*, Mrs. Roy Parker*, Mrs. Frank Parker*	Vis. 2
STARTOWN	No Report.	
WARLICK'S	W. M. Bivens*, Geo. Knox	Vis. 0

NOTE:—The symbol (*) denotes actual attendance at one or more sessions of the Association.

The symbol (A) denotes alternate messenger.

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Associational Officers	4
Pastors and Ministers	23
Official Messengers and Alternates	116
From Associational Churches (other than messengers)	85
State Officers and Representatives	4
Visitors from Local Community	Not registered
Visitors from Outside Association	11
TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE	243

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1933

The South Fork Baptist Association convened at 10:00 A. M., the 28th day of September, A. D., 1933, in its 55th annual session, with Olivet Baptist Church in Catawba County, North Carolina, with those in attendance as shown by list of messengers and indicated present by the symbol (*).

Moderator L. L. Hatfield called the Association to order and the sessions were opened by singing the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," which was led by Pastor S. A. Stroup. Prayer was offered by Pastor Jones, of Goodsonville Church. The morning devotional service was conducted by Pastor L. A. McClure, he reading Ex. 4:1-5 as Bible lesson. The Association was led in prayer by Pastor R. G. Short. Rev. McClure commenting on Moses, the character in the passage of Scripture read. The principal thought of his comment was that one should feel his dependence in God and do the work to which called

The Association proceeded with the organization and messengers and visitors having enrolled at the door, roll of churches was called, the messengers from the different churches standing in response to the call of their church. Moderator called Pastor T. H. Roach to the chair, who, after announcement that the messengers were duly enrolled as set forth, proceeded further with the organization, by the election of officers. The following were duly nominated, and elected by acclamation:

L. L. Hatfield ..... *Moderator*
Rev. J. R. Cantrell ..... *Vice-Moderator*
J. Y. Killian ..... *Treasurer*
R. H. Harrill ..... *Clerk*

Moderator Hatfield re-assumed chair and expressed his thanks for the honor of the office and pledged his best efforts toward fostering and promoting the affairs of the Association.

The Association pauses briefly, in sympathy for Pastors M. L. Buchanan and W. C. Laney who are absent from this session because of illness. Special prayer is led by Pastor E. F. Hardin for these two pastors.

Report on Biblical Recorder was presented by Fanny R. Crouch,

of Brookford Church, in the absence of Pastor W. C. Laney, the appointed writer, she reading the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

For ninety-eight years the Biblical Recorder has sought to serve the Baptists of North Carolina and the world. It seeks in a constructive way to obey the command of the Master to carry the Gospel to every part of the world. The sixty-six stockholders publish the Recorder in the interest of our Baptist work. For years they received no dividends and for the last ten years have published the paper at a financial loss. The managers have but one aim in publishing the Recorder—to assist the Baptists of North Carolina in extending the Reign of Christ. The Christian culture of our future Baptist homes depends, in no small degree, on the contribution the Biblical Recorder is able to make to them.

People are largely influenced by what they read. The Biblical Recorder seeks to bring to our people weekly a summary of our Baptist news, local and general. It seeks to give a Christian and Baptist interpretation to the events of the day. It seeks to give the achievements of our schoosl, churches, Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, W. M. U., and laymen's work. It presents letters from our missionaries at home and abroad, and hence informs the readers of what is being accomplished through their contributions.

The Home Circle offers help for the development of the spiritual and intellectual needs in every young church member. It seeks to prevent high ideals for our young people, real help in the development of Christian Character, which will react for good in the future of our people. Never before was there a time when our boys and girls stood more in need of wholesome literature which will instill high ideals, create a desire for pure living, and stimulate them in rendering unselfish service. The Biblical Recorder seeks to aid at this particular point.

The price is $2.00 per year. The circulation ought to be increased to 25,000 as a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. W. C. LANEY

Upon motion to adopt, chair recognizes Mrs. Crouch to speak on this report, who in turn introduces to the Association D. K. Mason, a representative of the Recorder, who spoke on the report, after which said report was duly adopted.

Moderator called for report on Baptist Hospial which was presented and read by T. H. Caldwell, of Maiden First Church, the report being, as folows:

REPORT ON HOSPITAL

Jesus when he called his disciples said to them, "Go heal the sick." For ten years the Baptist Hospital has been trying to carry out this great commission by giving life and health to thousands of those who suffered and had no means $250,000.00 spent for charity, over

10,000 helped. Only Eternity can reveal the blessings of this ministry.

It has met the overwhelming needs in a marvelous way. No one who needed our care has been turned away. The unusual financial conditions all over the state has thrown burdens on the Hospital, that it has been utterly impossible for us to meet the demands and pay our bills. We have not let our people go home to die without Hospital care, but we have been compelled to go into debt. The multiplied appeals come from Baptists with breaking hearts and torn homes. The Hospital is their refuge from the ravages of disease and death. They have no money. They cannot borrow. The Hospital must take them. But can it continue to do so with every increasing demands and decreasing revenue?

Many churches do not seem to care. They have not responded. Less than $11,000.00 from Mother's Day to do $50,000.00 worth of charity and to save 2,000 needy sufferers. What do our people expect from the Hospital? We cannot do everything. Shall we let them die? God forbid!

We are praying that the churches who have failed will yet make an investment in life saving by sending an offering for charity to the Hospital.

The Hospital is urging that the churches will cooperate in saving these people by sending a dollar and a half per day to pay on the patient they send as a supplement to the little we got from Mother's Day. If our churches and communities who send patients will carry a part of this responsibility, which is theirs, and help on their own patients we can care for them all and still save the credit of our Hospital. If they fail to do this, we shall have to say "No" to the sick or go into bankruptcy. We must not do either of these, so we plead that you will help carry the load.

Many pastors in the state have recognized this responsibility and they are saying to the community we will take the patients to the Baptist Hospital if you will help them care for this patient. They have educated their communities to do this. You can do this too.

We will have not less than 2,000 this year. Think of it, 2,000 saved from sickness or wrested from the grip of disease and death! Our brothers and sisters, God's children saved, and you don't have any part in such a work? Surely you will not be left out.

We want your support. We crave your prayers. We beg you to send our pay patients as well as your charity. We wait on you. Don't forget us and we will be waiting to help in the day of distress. For we must heal the sick. It is our Lord's command.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. CALDWELL

Mr. Caldwell makes comments on the Hospital and its work and is followed by Mrs. J. W. Bowles, Lincolnton First, who also comments on the report. Pastor S. A. Stroup also lauds the work of the hospital and commends it to the people of the Association. Adoption of the report is deferred, pending the arrival of Dr. G. T. Lumpkin of the Winston-Salem hospital.

The report on Woman's Work was next given to the Association, Mrs. J. R. Cantrell, of Newton First Church, reading the following:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Too much cannot be said in praise of the work done for the Master by the women of the South Fork Association, the State of North Carolina and our great Southern Baptist Convention. They have heard the call of the Master, and are nobly answering that call. From the time the women ministered to our Lord's bodily needs when He was upon the earth and from their experience at the tomb, they have given themselves to the great task of telling the story of a risen Lord. The writer of this report knows of several churches where the gift of the woman have been the only contributions to the Co-operative Program in the church.

The writer of this report heartily commends to the pastors the missionary, soul-winning purposes of personal service, it cannot be amiss to call attention to much charity thus done. The work of training the youth of the churches in missions, and the blessed task of the great commission. We would also urge the members of the churches to subscribe to Home and Foreign Fields, and Royal Service, World's Comrades, and the Biblical Recorder. The informed Baptist is the Co-operative Baptist, and the Co-operative Baptist is the Pastor's loyal supported in the great business of spreading the glorious gospel of the Son of God.

For the past year I have been ever ready and anxious to serve whenever a call might come. When that call has sounded I have been given opportunity again to realize that they can only best serve, who are impressed with the true nobility of service, that is eternally true, that "he who would be the chiefest among you must be the servant of all."

This call to service has been sounded to all our societies and the response has been great. These trying times and the unemployment situation has placed before us, as never before, a stressing need for substantial assistance. Our societies from the W. M. S. through the Sunbeams have fed the hugry, clothed the naked, visited the shut-in, attended the stranger, comforted the troubled and various other forms of personal service. These material needs are of great importance, but let us remember that in all our personal work, there is one aim and one aim only, that is to win souls.

We now have in the South Fork Association 16 W. M. S. and 24 young people's societies a total of 40 W. M. U. organizations amounted to $2,377.74.

Our women are marching steadily forward, doing perhaps not their best, but at least a great deal to carry the message of salvation to the uttermost parts of the world.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. R. CANTRELL

Moderator recognized Mrs. Cantrell to speak on her report, and Mrs. Cantrell introduces to the Association, Mrs. R. K. Redwine of Hickory First, Worker-at-Large of the W. M. U., who tells of acual work of the W. M. U. to interest women of the different churches within the Association who do not have a Woman's Missionary Society. Report was then duly adopted.

Upon motion of Pastor E. F. Sullivan, the regular order of the

arranged program was changed and T. P. Pruitt, Hickory First, Chairman of the Dry forces of Catawba County, addressed the Association on "Temperance." Mr. Pruitt urges members of the different churches in the South Fork Association to wage mighty fight to keep North Carolina within the dry ranks in the November election. He states that he forsees that the hysteria for repeal will pass within ten years and that a great number who now favor repeal of the 18th Amendment to the National Constitution will then favor prohibition.

At this time Moderator Hatfield paused to recognize visitors to this annual gathering and among the visitors, were the following: Rev. Clay, pastor of the Methodist Church of the local community; Rev. J. A. McMillan from Mills Home; D. K. Mason, representative of Biblical Recorder; Rev. W. W. Rimmer, from Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Associaiton; Mr. Clark, from South Yadkin Association; Messrs. W. D. Early and J. T. Calloway from Stanly Association.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the printed program, as arranged and presented by program committeee, was adopted and recognized as official program of this convention, to be changed, if necessary.

At this time Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Place and Preacher for 1934 Session: L. A. McClure, C. A. Abernethy and R. G. Short.

To nominate delegates to State Convention: T. H. Roach, W. W. Marr and H. B. Jones.

Digest of Church Letters: E. F. Sullivan, E. F. Hardin, and G. C. Hewitt.

Credentials: S. M. Stroup, W. W. Ervin and J. O. Allen.

To Audit Books of Treasurer and Trustee: T. P. Pruitt, M. P. Rhyne, and J. R. Cantrell.

To Consider Holding Spring Session and to Select Place: R. K. Redwine, R. L. Bolick and R. H. Harrill.

The hour having arrived for the annual sermon to the Association, Moderaor presented Dr. R. K. Redwine, pastor of Hickory First Church, the appointed preacher for this annual session. After hymn by congregation, and prayer by Pastor E. F. Sullivan, Dr. Redwine read the Scripture Lesson from the first chapter of Paul's Letter to the Romans. He chose as his text, Romans 1:15. Dr.

Redwine brings out that we are all debtors to the social, moral and spiritual worlds and should seek to absolve ourselves from these debts. The sermon was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

After prayer by Dr. Redwine and singing of hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," by the Assembly, the Association recessed for lunch, which had been prepared, picnic style, by the ladies of Olivet Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 1:30 P. M., this September 28, 1933, and the song service was led by Pastor Stroup. The Worship period was conducted by Pastor H. B. Jones of Goodsonville Church, who read the 6th chapter of Gallatians and commented on the 14th verse therein. Prayer was offered by Pastor J. R. Cantrell and after singing of hymn, "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" by the congregation, the Association proceeded with its regular business.

Moderator recognized additional visitors to this session, Rev. and Mrs. M. Harris, formerly of this Association.

Moderator called for report of the Executive Committee, and Chairman R. H. Harrill read the following:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee has held meetings as frequently as was thought necessary and has done such other work as demed wise, to foster the affairs of this body, both local and benevolent. Attendance of the members of the Committee has been good. Early in the year, the Committee adopted a five point programme of work, which embraced the following: (1) A 100% Association in monthly contributions to our Orphanage, (2) A 100% Association in monthly contributions to the Co-operative Programme, (3) To foster better and more largely attended 5th Sunday Union Meetings, (4) Every church with a Pastor and every Pastor with a Church, (5) To cooperate fully with our State Board in every activity or programme which may be suggested or planned by them. Work is progressing along the above lines and while at this annual session, we cannot report a 100% Association on the first two points, it is hoped and expected that within the next year this Associaiton will be cooperating fully with these two denominaional objects. The Committee believes that the above program will further our church life and asks the Association to support this Committee in its work.

Your Committee heard appeals for aid from churches within the Association and forwarded same to the General Board. Upon good report from the college which she attended, Miss Elizabeth Campbell was awarded the annual scholarship of this Association, for this her

second and final year. Bro. J. Y. Killian was elected to succeed himself as trustee of the scholarship fund. Under authority of the Association, the Committee elected G. C. Hewitt to Superintendent of Sunday Schools Convention to succeed Rev. E. F. Sullivan.

The Executive Committee unanimously adopted a resolution protesting the repeal of the 18th amendment to our National Constitution and urges the support of every voter to register his or her vote against repeal of this amendment. The resolution follows: We would regard the repeal of the 18th Amendment as a calamity to our State and Nation. Prohibition is not a political question, but rather a moral issue which every true Christian must face squarely: In 1908 the people of North Carolina, regardless of their political affiliations, marched shoulder to shoulder to the polls and drove the dsitilleries and saloons out of North Carolina. But today we are threatened with the return of the saloon with all of its attendant evils. We therefore earnestly solicit the hearty cooperation of every Christian on the issue of prohibition. This principal goes to the very foundation of the home, the social, moral and religious life of our people, and we urge every voter to go to the polls on November 7th and cast your ballot against the repeal of the 18th Amendment to our Constitution.

Your Committee would make an appeal to the member churches of this Association to support the 5th Sunday Union Meetings, as ordered by the Association and fostered by the Committee. These meetings are for the Aosciation and the Committee would urge a larger attendance at these meetings on the part of the churches. Only a small percentage of the churches have been represented at these meetings. Speakers have been brought from without the Associations to these meetings and each of the meetings held have been good.

Your Committee would recommend that this Association organize an Executive Promotion Committee to foster the Promotion Campaign throughout the Association this fall. This is a work that should not be left undone and the Executive Committee has learned, with regret, that the Chairman of last year could not function again. The Committee would recommend as will be more plainly detailed, a committee to be composed of one member from each church, with the Executive Committee, as this Executive Promotion Committee. Pastors within the Association to be ex-officio members.

The Executive Committee stands ready to be of any service to any church within the Association that it can and would appreciate suggestions as to work to be done within the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. HARRILL, Chairman.

Mr. J. Y. Killian, Treasurer of the Association and Trustee of Scholarship Fund, submitted his annual report to the Association in fine and understandable style, he putting this report on blackboard and explaining same. The report was, as follows:

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Receipts

Interest on Note of Town of Maiden	$ 111.00
Interest on Note of W. D. Hursey	30.00
Interest on Note of W. D. Hursey (paid in advance)	30.00

Interest on Note of Claremont Hosiery Mill	22.32
Principal Collected on Note of Claremont Hosiery Mill	107.08
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$ 300.40

Disbursements

Paid to Mars Hill College, Scholarships for Misses Mae Danner and Elizabeth Campbell	$ 300.40
The Invested Funds are, as follows:	
Note, Town of Maiden	$1,850.00
Note, W. D. Hursey, Claremont, N. C.	500.00
Note, Claremont Hosiery Mill	265.00
Total Invested Funds	$2,615.00

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN

Report of Committee to Audit books of treasurer was given to the Association, as follows:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Your Committee appointed to audit the books and records of the Treasurer and Treasurer of our Scholarship Fund respectfully, reports that we have examined all the records of receipts and disbursements for the current year and find all money coming into the Treasurer's hands have been accounted for and distributed under the directions given by the Association.

We have examined the investments made by the Treasurer and we find the funds safely invesetd with adequate security. We compliment the Association on having such an efficient Treasurer.

T. P. PRUITT, Chairman
REV. J. R. CANTRELL
REV. M. P. RHYNE

Both the report of Treasurer and of the Auditing Committee were duly adopted by the Association.

Report on Mills Home was submitted to the Association, S. M. Stroup, Pastor of Sharon Church, reading the following:

REPORT ON MILLS HOME

The Mills Home is the agency of the Baptist of North Carolina for the care of their dependent and neglected children. This worthy institution is now under the wise management of Prof. I. G. Grier.

In 1932 more than a thousand children shared the benefits of this denominational institution. This includes those in the Mills Home, The Kennedy Home and in homes with their own mothers. About 314 received aid last year through the extension service by 78 mothers. Where there is a mother capable, she should be helped to maintain her own home and keep her children with her.

The children in Mills Home and Kennedy Home have school advantages equal to that given to children anywhere in the State. The

Mills Home school reported last year 46 boys and 92 girls in High School, a total of 138. The Elementary School had 183 boys and 170 girls, a total of 353. In both the High school and the Elementary deparentments 491 pupils were enrolled with an average daily attendance of 89 per cent. There were 38 graduates from Mills Home and six from Kennedy Home last school year.

We note with interest that the Mills Home church is well equipped for the training of the whole life of all attendants. A well organized Sunday School, with about 600 enrolled, Missionary Society, B. Y. P. U., G. A.'s, R. A.'s, and Sunbeam Band.

Charity and Children continues to prove itself worthy of a place in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Charity and Children is to be commended for the courageous stand taken against the repeal of the 18th amendment. Charity and Children is a valuable publication offered at the low rate of 60 cents in clubs of ten or more.

In these days of economic readjustment we should not forget the urgent appeal which has been made to the Baptist Sunday schools of our State for one Sunday's offering each month to the Orphanage, and then a generous Thanksgiving offering by all our churches and Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. STROUP

Pastor Stroup comments on this report and the work, in general, of the Mills Home and urges the different Sunday Schools of the Association to make monthly offerings to this worthy object. Chair recognizes T. P. Pruitt, member of Board of Trustees of Mills Home, who in turn, presented Rev. J. A. McMillan, formerly Pastor of Mills Home Church and now Associate Editor of Charity and Children, who tells the Association of the work being done by the Mills Home, he giving some satistics and information about the Home and farm. The report was then duly adopted.

The report of Christian Education was next had, E. F. Sullivan, Pastor of Highland Church, reading the following:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Baptists, in receiving new members and in carrying on of their organized work, lay great stress to God. This is Biblical and we do well to emphasize it, but it brings with it the responsibility of educating our constituency. If the individual is to act he should know how to act wisely, if he is to have a voice in the welfare of others he should be trained to do it with consecrated intelligence.

Another great argument for Christian education is the preparation it furnishes for greater usefulness in the Master's cause. We feel that it was not a mere accident that the two great leaders of Bible times and perhaps of all time, Moses and Paul, were both the best educated men of their day. When we read in the New Testament the many references to teaching we do not wonder that great evangelists like Moody and Spurgeon, and great missionaries like Judson, Rice, and Yates, all had Christian education as a great part of their program in

winning a world for Christ. Education and religion should go hand in hand in banishing ignorance and sin from the earth.

North Carolina Baptists have five schools owned by the Convention: Wake Forest, Meredith, Chowan, Campbell, and Mars Hill. Two others, Wingate and Boiling Springs, are owned by certain Baptist Associations in the State. We are justly proud of our schools, and have put more than two million dollars in them since 1919. Baptist also have four outstanding southwide schools for preparing our preachers or other Christian leaders.

Our denomination today is largely the product of these schools. We cannot by even the wildest stretch of the imagination get an idea of where we would be as a denomination had these schools never existed. In this day of enlightenment it is no time for Baptists to slow down on education. The state can train the mind, but it remains for the church to train the soul and mind together. As long as there are Baptist churches in the earth Christian education will have a big place on their program.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN

Pastor Sullivan commented on his report, after which same was duly adopted.

The Report on Ministerial Relief and Annuities was next given to the Association, Mr. J. O. Allen, of Lincolnton First Church, reading the following:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The benevolent work of the Board, from its founding by the convention, and in accordance with its charter has been conducted under two general divisions, First Relief and Second Annuities. The Board has never been diverted from the two Major methods of operation, though it has broadened the scope of its Annuity Department. In this division of the work of the Board, we find ourselves in the company of British Baptist and Northern Baptist and well nigh every Protestant Denomination in America.

The Funds that it has gathered through the years for Relief has been applied strictly to Relief Work, and funds gathered for the Annuities have been applied strictly in that direction. These two general funds are administered separatey and neither is drawn upon for the payment of benefits through the other. During the fifteen years of the operation the Board has paid in Relief benefits $1,619,078.45. It has paid in annuity Benefits $405,544.49, the grand total of these being $2,024,622.94.

First—Relief Department.

The Relief and Annuity Board has magnified the phase of the work in every proper way open to it. With the Southern Baptist the development of the Annuity side of their work will not for a long time to come render special emphasis upon the relief department. Thousands of churches have never been devolped to a point of providing necessary current support for their ministers. So long as we have such Churches, the denomination will be compelled to come to the aid of these ministers when they can no longer serve, who would be grudge a few embers to

keep the frost of winter from chilling the weary frame of the old Veteran of the Cross?

Would God that more of our ministers would bring the cause of Ministerial Relief squarely and lovingly to the attention of the churches. If they could be induced to do this, their would be many special gifts laid upon the altar of their members, and in many a will there would be bequests for Ministerial Relief.

The only Department of the Board work that suffers most in a time of depression like the one we are now experiencing is the Relief Department. In such times the needs of the aged minister increase while the benefits decrease, and those loved ones and friends upon whom the aged minister have in part leaned upon bring themselves in Financial straits, are often not able to supplement the reduced benefits which the Relief Boards sends them. Such as these are often found in a pitiful plight and we must think of these members as legion for they are many. Every penny given for ministerial relief is so applied without deduction of any cost of operation whatsoever.

Annuity Department.

It is exceedingly important that ministers and churches give consideration to this phase of the Board's work. It is for the purpose of preventing dependency in old age on the part of ministers and their widows. A truly worthy service is being rendered through this Department. First through the (old) Annuity Funds, closed now to new members, but paying the maximum of $500.00 to its ministers and $300.00 to the widows of the deceased members. **Second**, the Service Annuity, this is the major plan of the Board for preventing old age dependency. It is the only method by which there is any prospect of our churches ever making a necessary provision for their ministers in their old age or special disability. It is an absolute dependable method and it is not expensive. If our churches continue to wait until their ministers become dependent to begin to provide their old age support they will continue to find themselves unable to meet their responsibility. A little money set aside in the church budget for the retirement income, together with a small monthly payment by the ministers themselves, will make a worthy provision for their support when they reach the 65 or become permanently disabed.

Other plans supplementing the Service Annuity and the saving Annuity and the special Annuity, this plan as well as the service Annuity must be understood to be appreciated. Full explanations will be sent upon application to the Board.

Relief and Annuity Board—2002 Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas.

Southern Baptists in 1932 helped one third of the preachers and widows which had a just claim upon the denomination for bread and shelter, and the one third got on an average of a little less than 25 cents per day, but they got all the churches sent to the Relief and Annuity Board. The churches of the Southern Baptist Convention contributed in 1932, $61,056.70 and the Board paid, $108,070.52 our veteran preachers are not faring as well in 1933 at the hands of the denomination as they did in 1932. Only about $70,000.00 was appropriated to be paid in Relief Benefits during the present year.

Deductions due to shortage in receipts and the board's inability to make up the shortage from invested capital. The Relief Funds which amounted several years ago to $250,000.00 was exhausted in 1932 and the board is now compelled to limit its payments to the amount actually given them by the churches plus the new earnings of the

Relief Endowment. The Board can not go in debt, yet even with the reduction that was made in January first there is due to decreased receipts from the churches a deficit of several thousand dollars which will have to be absorbed before the end of the year even if it requires a further reduction in benefits.

The Service Annuity is a preventiative measure. Members can avail themselves of the general plan without the aid of their churches. If a church really means to care for aged ministers adequately, it should consider it a duty and a privilege to join the pastor by agreeing to pay the church's part which is 5% per month of the minister's salary to the Relief and Annuity Board, while the minister pays 2½% of such a salary. The relief plan is good as far as it goes. The Service Annuity plan is better because it goes far enough to actually prevent poverty. The Relief and Annuity Board is a strong and staple fiduciary institution. The Board now has a reserve of more than $4,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. ALLEN

This report was discussed by both Mr. Allen, the appointed writer, and Dr. R. K. Redwine, both emphasizing the worthiness of this work and urging the support by the churches. It is also urged that Churches and Pastors participate in the Annuity plan of the Board. Moderator Hatfield calls Vice-Moderaor to take the chair while he discussed the general topic of Pasor's salaries and urges each church to pay promptly the amount of the Pastor's salary and to increase the amount of same, if possible. The report was then duly adopted.

Reports were had of several committees appointed earlier in the day,

(a) Committee to nominate members of Executive Committee, recommends that M. S. Brittain, G. S. Caldwell and M. H. Laney be elected to fill vacancies caused by expiring terms of members, and that Professor E. G. Abernethy be elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of F. B. Tilley. Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the report was adopted and the men named were elected to the Executive Committee.

(b) Committee on Time and Place for next Session recommends that the Association meet with Macedonia Church at the regular designated time in 1934, and that W. W. Marr shall preach annual sermon, with L. R. Williams as the alternate. The report was adopted and declared to be the decision of the Association.

(c) Committee to Nominate Delegate to State Convenion recommends that Pastor J. R. Cantrell be elected. The report was adopted and Rev. Cantrell was declared elected.

Upon statement by Clerk Harrill that he would need assistance in preparation of Associational Minutes, Miss Margaret Brevard, of Lincolnton First Church, was elected as Assistant Clerk.

Brother W. W. Ervin of Olivet Church made assignments of overnight messengers and visitors to the Association, to local homes.

Brother J. F. Click, of Hickory First Church, was recognized by Moderator Hatfield, as being the oldest member of the Association in point of service, he having the enviable record of being a charter member of the Association and having been present at every annual session since organization. Brother Click served the Association for a number of years as Clerk.

The Association recessed until the evening service with singing of hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus With You," by congregation and prayer by Pastor Paul Drum.

EVENING SESSION

The Association re-convened at 7:30 P. M., with R. G. Short, Pastor of North Newton and Piney Grove Churches in charge of the Devotional Service. He read as Scripture lesson from 25th chapter of Matthews and commented thereon. He brought out the calling of servants, faith in the servants, responsibility, reckoning with the servants and reward of the faithful.

Report on Sunday Schools was submitted to the Association, J. L. Teague, Pastor of Mountain Grove Church, the appointed writer, reading the following.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our churches recognizing the importance of teaching God's word both to their own membership and to others have come to accept our present Sunday School system as the best means yet devised for that purpose. The Christian Church from the beginning has had a means of teaching the work, but our present Sunday School system is a development of the last one hundred years, for the main part. Therefore, since the Sunday School is quite young in the life and activities of the church, it is still in the stage of growth and development. Through this agency much has been accomplished, yet we are just now coming to recognize the possibilities of the Sunday School, and our watchword is, "Go Forward."

The very fact of the growth and development of the Sunday School creates its own problems. We shall here mention but two:

FIRST is a problem of physical equipment. Perhaps every church is faced with the problem of providing adequate buildings for classes and departments, besides other equipment necessary for good work in

the Sunday School. This is a day of efficiency, and efficiency demands equipment. Our well organized farms have it, our manufacturing plants have it, our commercial establishments have it, our schools have it, our church and Sunday Schools much have it or fall behind in the race.

SECOND is how to obtain and keep a consecrated efficient staff of teachers and officers. Let us say at the outset that no person can be efficient in the true sense of the word who is not consecrated. Yet we do not think that piety alone can constitute the sole qualification for a teacher or officer of the Sunday School. There is further equipment which can be obtained only by application, study, and training obtained from those who have learned to teach and to lead successfully. Excellent work is being done along this line through our training classes, and through the once-a-month associational meetings held from place to place throughout our association led by our very efficient superintendent, Brother G. C. Hewitt.

Just here we wish to express our appreciation of the very excellent help rendered to the churches and Sunday Schools of the South Fork Association June 25 to July 5 in the Sunday School Revival and Enlargement Campaign put on by 21 churches through the aid of our very efficient State Sunday School Secretary, Bro. Perry Morgan and his co-workers. In this campaign there were enrolled something near 1,200 persons in the study classes. Not all of these finished the course and took the examination, but all received some of the enthusiasm, which has been bearing excellent fruit in the enlarged enrollment and attendance of our Sunday Schools. The year 1932 showed an increase in enrollment of 671 over the previous year. We feel sure that 1933 will show a much larger increase.

Again we say to our Sunday Schools, "Go Forward." There is much territory to be conquered.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. TEAGUE

Upon motion to adopt, the report was disussed by Pastors J. L. Teague, R. K. Redwine and S. A. Stroup, after which it was duly adopted.

Moderator called for report on B. Y. P. U.'s and Cletus Cantrell, of Newton First Church, the appointed writer, read the following:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

Our ultimate goal is to pray and work to get the needed B. Y. P. U. organizations in every church in our Association. The greatest need of the hour seems to be the enlistment of church members in the work of the church. If we will provide suitable training through our B. Y. P. U.'s for our young Christians today, we will most probably not face the enlistment problem tomorrow.

With the cooperation of our Pastors, and Christians in all our churches we can go forward in this matter of training our young Christians for more consecrated and efficient service. Our opportunities were never greater and young people never more responsive that at the present time.

From year to year numbers of our very best young men and women have been finding themselves and their place in life through their training in the B. Y. P. U. going out to give of their best to the Master, some on the Foreign fields, others at home in our pulpits and in special work, while still others are giving of their best through their local churches.

Many of these who are doing such wonderous Kingdom work tell us that it was through the B. Y. P. U. they first received their impression to give their life in service. For here it is that the young people are brought, their talents discovered and trained, and then are led to dedicate these talents to their Master's use.

Last year we reported 49 B. Y. P. U. organizations. We have as follows: 6 Adult Unions, 13 Seniors, 15 Intermediates, 15 Juniors, with a total membership of (?).

Respectfully submitted,
CLETUS CANTRELL

The report was discussed by Pastors Cantrell and Sullivan, after which it was duly adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the Association recessed until Friday morning, September 29, 1933, at 9:30.

SECOND DAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1933

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 9:30 A. M., this Sepember 29, 1933, in the fourth session of the 55th annual session, with song service led by Pastor S. A. Stroup.

Opening prayer was led by M. P. Rhyne, Pastor of Salem Church. Devotional service was conducted by Pastor J. R. Cantrell who read the 138th Chapter of Psalms and commented thereon. Rev. Cantrell calle dupon Pastor S. W. Bennett, Pastor of Leonard's Fork, to lead in further prayer. The hymn, "Close to Thee" was sung by the Assembly.

Moderator recognized several visitors to this session, namely: Dr. Poteat, President Emeritus of Wake Forest College, and M. A. Huggins, General Secretary of our State Convention.

The programme of the Association was further followed with Report on State Mission, W. E. Bost, Pastor of Corinth and Providence Churches, reading as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

On March 26, 1830 seven ministers and seven laymen met in Greenville, N. C., and after much time spent in earnest prayer, organized what is now the Baptist State Convention. At the time of its organization there were 14 associations, 272 churches, with a membership of 15,360, (white and colored). In the year 1829 these churches gave $220.62 to State Missions. Surely God has been with us for a little more than a century we have grown to 68 white associations, 2,374 churches with a membership of 433,046. We received by baptism last year 23,342. But are all the needy places occupied and the gospel being preached to every creature in North Carolina? Let us stop long enough to take a glance about us. The task is hardly begun: for there are in our state nearly 1,500,000 souls who are unsaved, and not more than half of those who say they are saved are enlisted in Kingdom work. The ever changing population, industrialism and every day living conditions, bring with it new opportunities and responsibilities for evangelizing and saving our state. The task is greater, the need more imperative than ever before.

Our gifts to all causes last year was $2,525,380.20 of this amount $3,044,896.18 was spent on local work, leaving only $480,484.03 for all denominational purposes. According to reports our offerings for state missions are about one-third of what they were a few years ago. In 1930 North Carolina had, 87 missionaries, in 1931 we had 47, in 1932 we had 40. You will see by these figures that we are growing more selfish and losing the Spirit of Christ. Our greatest need is not more members, but more consecrated members, not more wealth, but more wisely spent wealth. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you."

Can we truly say, Faith of our fathers living still in spite of de-

pression and hardships. God is not dead. Let us trust more, pray more earnestly, and overcome evil. Jesus has said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." We must seek His will and plan rather than ask that He bless our plan.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. BOST

Moderator recognized Bro. Bost to discuss his report who, because of limited time, yielded his time to General Secretary Huggins, who was to later discuss all Missionary Reports.

Report on Home Missions was then submitted to the Association, E. F. Hardin, Pastor of Lincolnton First Church, the appointed writer, reading the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Limited as we are to five hundred words in any report, it will be impossible to do more than barely mention some of the more important achievements wrought by our Home Mission Board during the past year. Therefore the writer of this report would urge the members of our churches to read the full report as given in the Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention—a copy of which may be borrowed from any pastor in our Association, as each pastor is the recipient of such a copy each year.

Ie we had the space we would define the terms "State Missions--Home Missions—Foreign Missions" and we would speak of the different methods which they pursue in their work to accomplished their God-given tasks. However, we must confine ourselves to the work of the Home Missions—and this work is primarily evangelism. That is, it is preaching the gospel to the most neglected groups—such as the foreigners, the negroes and the Indians. This work goes on when the work of State Missions stops. A brief review of the work of the Home Mission Board for the past year reveals several outstanding facts. As to the financial condition it is gratifying to note that the Board reduced its debt $89,357.61. Our present indebtedness is $1,674,002.80. This is a total reduction since 1928 of $690,378.11. The Board reduced its budget of last year by $11,000 and at the same time lived wtihin its income. It is worthy of note that while the Board reduced its budget $11,000, such adjustments were made as to enable it to maintain its missionary work without the loss of a single missionary.

During the year our missionaries reported 2,208 baptisms among the foreigners, negroes and Indians. This is an increase of 634 baptisms over the preceding year. In Cuba 336 baptisms were reported. This makes a grand total of 2,544 baptisms during the year.

As to the work in each field only a brief statemnet may be made. There are 38 workers among the foreigners. These supply 157 churches and mission stations. Twenty-one workers among the Indians supply 40 churches and missions. There are about 10,000,000 negroes in the South—we have eight workers among these. In Cuba we have 29 ordained preachers and 11 unordained workers who work 44 churches and 39 missions. There are eight American missionaries among these —the others are natives. In Panama there are seven mission churches, and one self-supporting church, with a combined membership of about

800. There are seven Good-Will-Centers—including the Seamen's Bethel in Jacksonvile, Fa., and the Rescue Mission in New Oreans. The combined reports of these show 2,837 reigious services held with 62,735 in attendance, and with 538 conversions.

There are six special Field Workers—namely: Dr. J. W. Beagle, Field Secretary; Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Missionary to the Jews; Miss Emma Leachman, Field Worker; Miss Una Roberts Lawrence, Mission Study Editor; J. W. Michaels and Rev. A. O. Wilson, Missionaries to the Deaf.

Lack of space will not permit more than these brief facts.

Respectfully submitted,
ELBERT F. HARDIN

Rev. Hardin also yielded his allowed period for discussion of the report to Secretary Huggins.

Moderator called for Report on Foreign Missions, Dr. R. K. Redwine, Pastor of Hickory First Church, the appointed writer, reading the following:

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the agency through which Southern Baptists cooperate in witnessing for Christ "to the uttermost parts of the earth." Foreign Missions is our opportunity to literally preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The growth of our Foreign Mission Work is a most thrilling and inspiring story. We are now doing work in fourteen countries in all parts of the world. In the past 25 years the number of churches has increased more than ten-fold. There are now 192,078. Twenty-five years ago we baptized less than 3,000 in a year. Last year we baptized 17,284. That is 691 more than was reported the year before.

Of the 2,698 churches, 1,956 are self-supporting. The members of these churches gave last year $354,251, which is more than all the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention gave to Foreign Missions twenty-five years ago and more than half as much as Southern Baptists gave to Foreign Missions last year.

We have 277 schools with 18,789 students enrolled last year. Nine of these schools are training schools for women in which there are 269 students training for special religious work. Fifteen of them are theological schools in which there are 315 students for the ministry. The number of women in training for religious workers on our Foreign Mission fields is 81% as many as we have in our training schools in the home land. The number of ministerial students is 52% as many as we have in our seminaries at home. These schools are now being supported almost entirely by the natives.

The above facts impress us with the constructive nature of work done by our missionaries. Is there anything left to be done? Don't forget the 742 now supporting churches. Besides there are 2,352 preaching stations that need to be developed into self-supporting churches. There are the vest untouched areas where the Gospel is without a witness into which it is our duty and our privilege to go with the message of Christ.

The way Southern Baptists have been supporting Foreign Missions

is not such a thrilling story. Rather it is a shameful tragedy that would humble every Baptist heart.

In 1933 our Board had only three-fourths as much to appropriate as it had in 1932. The 1933 budget had to be less than half that of 1930. All along the lives retrenchment and retreat has been forced. The decrease continues. August of this year shows receipts of about 4,$000.00 less than last year. The continued year by year decrease in gifts to Foreign Missions for the last thirteen years is appalling when coupled with the fact that year by year we have added large numbers to our churches. We now have 1,104, 792 more members than we had in 1920.

It should be a source of real grief to every Southern Baptist that thirty trained missionaries, anxious to return to their work have been ordered to stay at home, discharged, their work either abandoned or put on other missionaries due to come home on furlough were asked to remain at their posts at least another year. Some of them will sacrifice their lives in doing so.

There has been a net loss in our missionary personnel of 147 in seven years. Many who have trained themselves for missionary service, feel that God is calling them and they are begging to be sent, yet not a single recruit has been sent out this year.

How long will the gifts to missions of a great and growing denomination continue to decrease year by year? Until "My people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways."

Respectfuly submitted,
RICHARD K. REDWINE

Upon motion to adopt, Dr. Redwine commented on the report, which was left open for further discussion. Moderator recognized T. P. Pruitt, who introduced General Secretary Huggins, who made full and complete discussion of the three reports previously submitted, namely, State, Home and Foreign Missions. Bro. Huggins urged the different churches within the Association to give more during the approaching year to the Cooperative Program. He made the statement that 12 of the 41 churches gave nothing during the first six months. Likewise 17 churches gave nothing to our Mills Home during the first six months. Chart was exhibited to the Association, which showed gifts of N. C. Baptists for the past 18 years. Chart showed hat gifts had decreased during recent years to almost the amount given by N. C. Baptists during the year 1918. During the same period, it was shown that N. C. Baptists had spent larger and larger sums each year on pleasures, luxuries, etc. Bro. Huggins explained thoroughly to the Association the division of the "Undesignated" dollar which is given to the Cooperative Program, 60% of receipts remaining in North Carolina foor distribution among the different State objects, and 40% goes to the Southern Baptist Convention for distribution among its different objects.

The Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were then duly adopted by the Association.

Other visitors to the Association were recognized, among them being Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, and J. Hampton Rich, of Pilot Grove.

The report on Temperance was next submitted to the Association, L. R. Williams, Pastor of East Maiden and Southside Churches, the appointed writer, reading the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance has always been a very important subject, and should have our serious consideration, especially since we are facing the great drive for the repeal of the 8th amendment. Strong drink has always been against the progress of Christianity, and a deadly foe to society. According to a statement made by Dr. J. R. Sampey, president of our Seminary at Louisville, Ky., in one of his speeches on prohibition last fall, liquor has brought more trouble to the people of America than all other sources of trouble combined. It is doubtless the greatest curse of our Nation.

Some of the leading advocators of the repeal of the 18th Amendment tell us that the repeal and the return of the legalized saloon will bring to our government a greater revenue. We do not believe that is true; but if it should be, the suffering of the innocent and the effect it will have on the moral and spiritual condition of our country will over-balance the revenue. Jesus tells us in Matthews 16:20 that the soul of man is worth more than all the world can give. Souls are worth more than money.

The lack of space will not permit us to give as many comparisons as we would like to, but we call your attention to the following:

Over 40 countries are seriously affected by the depression, all of which have legalized liquor. The 40 wet countries are worse off than dry United States, and are suffering more from the depression.

Quebec, Canada, with legalized liquor for revenue, is floating a $10,000,000 loan to pay current expenses. Quebec is not as large in population as North Carolina.

In wet England under legalized liquor, 1,500 little babies are smothered and mashed to death by drunken mothers each year. This debauchery is unheard of in dry America.

The Salvation Army records show that under legalized liquor in New York City they had 1,200 to 3,000 drunks to care for each night, now under the 18th Amendment, the average is not over 7.

In an article written to the Recorder by F. M. Royall, Halifax Palestine, on the subject, "Christ or the Devil Shall Reign Which" we have the following statement: "The old world today is reeking with sin, fasehoods, hypocricy, selfishness, greed, sickness and death. Even the President of the United States has turned the cock back for a century and is loosing in America the fields of hell, who are thirsty for the life blood of the people. Beer. Beer. Beer. Advocating the repeal of the 18th Amendment means going backward, backward to hell. It is time for the American people to nail to the White House door, 'The Eighteenth Amendment Shal Stand.' Where we stand God helping us we can do no other. And we will vote that the 18th Amendment shall

stand even if every house top of the wets is covered with devils.

I saw them drunk in Germany where beer flows freely. I saw them drunk in France where wine flows freely. A young woman on the train came to me for refuge from drunken soldiers. I saw them drunk in London almost in the shadow of a great church, with bloodshot eyes and bloated faces in rags and tatters lying in the dirt."

The issue in North Carolina is no longer the 18th Amendment. Thirty-one states have already voted for the repeal, and more will follow. The wets will win the victory, and they know it. Since we have failed to be about our Heavenly Father's business, and the wet forces of our Nation will win, the only thing your committee knows to recommend is to muster our forces and vote against the repeal on November 7th, and try to keep our state dry.

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. WILLIAMS

Moderator recognized Rev. Williams to comment on his report, but the writer yielded his time to Dr. Poteat, who was to speak later.

Association paused for rest and stood while singing, "Majestic Sweetness."

Dr. W. L. Poteat, President Emeritus of Wake Forest College was introduced to the Convention by Rev. E. F. Sullivan, who delivered to the assembly a powerful message on "Temperance." The subject of the message being "How Shall We Control This Issue, the 18th Amendment."

Motion is duly made and carried that offering be taken for Dry Forces and to help pay expenses of Dr. Poteat to this Associational meeting.

The Association meeting with Olivet in celebration of the Centennial of the Church, and special service having been arranged for this occasion, Moderator surrendered chair to Pastor Stroup who takes charge of this special service. Brief history of the church is given by W. W. Ervin. Song, "How Firm a Foundation" is sung by congregation.

Pastor Stroup presented Rev. W. R. Bradshaw who preached the Centennial sermon, using as a text Psalm 16:6, preaching on the subject, "The Heritage of The Baptists." Prayer was offered at the end of the sermon by Rev. W. W. Marr, after which the Association adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 1:30 P. M., and opened the session by singing, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing

Else." Prayer was offered by Rev. A. A. Lockee, Pastor of Lincoln Avenue Church. The devotional service was led by Rev. S. W. Bennett, Pastor of Leonard's Fork Church, he using as text, Matthew 20, and commenting on the subject, "For many are called but few are chosen." Association was led in prayer by Rev. J. L. Teague.

An important part of the proceedings of this annual session was the one minute report from each church, which was read at this time, each church reporting on the most important proceeding, or event in its history for the year just closed.

Report from Committee on Digest of Church Letters was received at this time, Rev. E. F. Sullivan of the Commttiee, reading the following:

Baptisms this year, 278. Total church membership, 6693, an increase of 39 over last year. Total S. S. membership, 7849, an increase of 131 over last year. Fifteen churches have B. Y. P. U.'s with 54 unions and 1230 members. Fifteen churches report a W. M. U. with 1107 members, contributing $1,444.12 to Missions and benevolences. Total gifts of all the churches to local work, $32,834.94 and total gifts to Missions and benevolences, $8,064.09, making a grand total for all objects of $40,899.03. Ten churches having preaching every Sunday, 16 churches having preaching twice a month, and 11 churches having preaching once a month, 23 churches having weekly prayer meeting. Ten churches own homes for the pastor. All the churches report 223 tithers, and 2 of the churches have all five of W. M. U. organizations. Eleven churches reported no baptisms, while 6 churches gave nothing to Missions. Twenty-three churches have no B. Y. P. U's, and 24 churches have no W. M. U.

The report was regularly adopted.

Two further reports were adopted, the Report on Temperance which had already been commented on, and the report on Hospital which had been held over from session of first day, pending arrival of Dr. Lumpkin.

The annual Obituary Service was in charge of Rev. W. W. Marr, who paid tribute to the dead of this Association, and read the names of those who had passed away during the past year, as follows:

LIST OF DECEASED FROM CHURCHES

AMITY
Mr. J. B. Hoke

ANTIOCH
Mr. J. P. Mullen (Deacon)

BETHEL
Mrs. W. C. Mullen
Mrs. Zettie Finger
Mr. Paul Turner

BROOKFORD
Mrs. N. T. Cozart

CATAWBA
Miss Alice Danner
Mrs. H. D. Ervin

CORINTH
Mr. G. W. Hood (Deacon)
Mrs. T. C. Falls

GAINSVILLE
Mr. Albert Angle
Mr. Noah Brown
Mrs. Noah Brown
Mr. W. A. Jenkins

GOODSONVILLE
Mr. M. P. Withers

HICKORY FIRST
Mr. N. P. Whitesides
Mr. Wm. F. Bruns
Mr. Geo. R. Ennis
Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney
Mrs. J. L. Latta

HIGHLAND
Mr. W. E. Hass
Mrs. Gerald Miller
Mr. A. B. Terrell

KID'S CHAPEL
Mrs. Mary Tucker
Mrs. Sarah Ballard

LAWING'S CHAPEL
Mr. Creed Freeman

LINCOLNTON FIRST
Rev. P. H. Pernell
(Retired Minister)
Mrs. Cora Seagle
Mrs. Joe Knighton
Mr. Geo. Cauble (Deacon)
Mr. W. H. Miller
Miss Pauline Cornwell
Mrs. J. D. Brevard

MAIDEN FIRST
Mr. W. A. Curlee
Mr. John Blankenship
Mr. David Keener

MACEDONIA
Mr. J. F. McKinis (Deacon)
Mrs. Jane Abernethy

MOUNT RUHAMA
Mr. Morens Beal
Mrs. Mary Bandy
Mr. James M. Crouse
Mrs. Lillie Bray
Mrs. Alice Withers

MOUNT ZION
Rev. W. B. McClure
(Pastor of Macedonia)
Mrs. M. A. McClure
(Wife of Rev. W. B. McClure)
Mrs. Fannie Helton

MOUNTAIN GROVE
Mr. T. J. Crafton

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Mrs. J. P. Cloninger

NEWTON FIRST
Mrs. J. E. Hawkins
Mrs. W. C. Curlee

NORTH NEWTON
Mrs. John Whisnant

OLIVET
Mr. W. P. Pope
Mrs. J. L. Eades
Mr. D. C. Benfield
Mr. H. C. Cruse

PENELOPE
Mr. F. A. Locke (Deacon)
Mr. Harvey Bowman
Mr. Bartlett Perkens
Mr. W. N. Christopher
Miss Edna Smith

PINEY GROVE
Mr. J. C. Setzer (Deacon)

PROVIDENCE
Mr. W. F. Huffman
Mr. R. L. Asherbroner
(Deacon)
Mr. A. D. Young (Deacon)

SALEM
Mrs. J. B. Harrill

SHARON
Mr. B. F. Dellinger
Mrs. B. F. Dellinger
Mrs. Hattie C. Grayson

SOUTHSIDE
Mr. W. M. Coffey (Deacon)

WARLICK'S
Mr. W. R. Jones

Pastor Marr read Scripture lesson from Second Corinthians and the Association sang a hymn and was lead in prayer by Rev. J. R. Cantrell.

Moderator Hatfield made the following assignments by naming writers for the several subjects for the next annual session.

Biblical Recorder	Rev. J. R. Cantrell
State Missions	Rev. S. A. Stroup
Home Missions	O. J. Howard
Foreign Missions	Rev. S. W. Bennett
Christian Education	Dr. R. K. Redwine
Temperance	Rev. E. F. Sullivan
Mills Home	L. V. Padgett
Obituaries	Rev. M. P. Rhyne
W. M. U.	Mrs. George Grice
Ministerial Relief and Annuities	J. W. Hollingsworth
Baptist Hospital	Mrs. J. W. Hoover
Bible Schools	G. C. Hewitt
B. Y. P. U.	J. C. Saunders

Moderator also appoints Program Commitee for next annual session, Rev. E. F. Sullivan and Rev. E. F. Hardin being appointed to serve with the Pastor of Macedonia Church, when elected or called.

Report of Committee on Spring Term of Association is received, the recommendation being that this special session shall be held with Maiden First Church, at time near date of Easter to be fixed by Executive Committee. The report included the recommendation that each person attending should bring own lunch and not ask the church to furnish lunch. Report and recommendation adopted.

Mrs. J. W. Bowles of Lincolnton First Church was duly elected Associational Representative of Baptist Hospital.

T. P. Pruitt, of Hickory First Church, was duly elected Associational Representative for Mills Home.

G. C. Hewitt, of Newton First Church, was duly elected Associational Sunday School Supterintendent.

R. H. Harrill, of Lincolnton First Church, was duly elected Chairman of Executive Promotion Committee.

Upon motion, it was ordered that the usual Fifth Sunday Union

meetings be continued, to be fostered and arranged by the Executive Committee.

Rev. J. L. Teague introduced the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association extend to the membership of Olivet Church, its Pastor, and the people of the community, our hearty thanks for the splendid hospitality and entertainment of this, the 1933 session of the South Fork Baptist Association. This resolution was readily seconded and was unanimously adopted.

Moderator Hatfield announced that this concluded the program and business of the 55th annual session, and upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the Association adjourned, to meet with Macedonia Church on Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1934. Moderator declared the 55th annual session to be adjourned and called upon the Association to stand and sing the closing hymn, after which the congregation was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Stroup.

L. L. HATFIELD, *Moderator.*
R. H. HARRILL, *Clerk.*

Minutes of W. M. U. Annual Session

The 1933 annual meeting of the South Fork Associational W. M. U., was held with Lincolnton First Church on April 6, 1933.

Associational Superintendent Mrs. J. R. Cantrell presided over the meeting, which was duly opened with song and prayer. Mrs. G. W. Tobey of Lincolnton First Church, welcomed all delegates and visitors. Mrs. B. M. Smith of Goodsonville Church responded to the welcome.

Routine business was taken up, minutes were read and approved, report was submitted by Treasurer and reports were had from District Leaders. Roll call of associational churches brought response from 11 churches, with encouraging reports from all Societies. Six pastors from the Association were in attendance, and Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw from outside the Association.

A most impressive devotional service was given by Mrs. John M. Hoover, of Leonard's Fork Church, she using the 15th chapter of John as basis for her talk. Splendid reports were given on Missions by the Leader, Mrs. J. L. Putnam, and on Periodicals by Mrs. T. V. Lineberger.

The following committees were appointed, to report in the afternoon session: Nominating and Time and Place of Next Meeting.

After vocal solo by Miss Ruby Padgett, Dr. W. R. Bradshaw preached annual sermon on Missions, he stressing during his sermon, five points wherein we fall short. After the sermon, and song, Dr. Bradshaw closed the morning session with prayer.

After lunch and social hour in basement of church, the afternoon session was called to order with Mrs. J. W. Bowles, Associate Superintendent, presiding. After a hymn by congregation, Rev. J. R. Cantrell led in prayer.

Miss Alva Lawrence, State Young Peoples' Leader, addressed the assembly most helpfully on "The Special Things We Can Do." The address was delivered in forceful fashion. Following this address, special music was rendered by Mesdames E. F. Hardin and D. W. Milam as a setting to the loving tribute paid by Mrs. O. Joe Howard in a unique memorial service to the deceased members who had passed into the Great Beyond since last we met.

A demonstration of Young People's Work was given by represenatives of Y. W. A., R. A.'s, G. A.'s, and Sunbeams.

Report of nominating committee was received and the officers as are listed in Associational Directory of these Minutes, to which reference is hereby made, were recommended for election. They were duly elected. Report of Committee on Time and Place was received and adopted, thereby fixing the place of next annual meeting with Maiden First Church, on First Tuesday in April, 1934.

The meeting was then disbanded for conferences on various phases of the work, the conferences being directed by Mrs. R. K. Redwine and closed a most successful program.

MRS. J. R. CANTRELL, *Superintendent.*
MRS. C. C. CANIPE, *Secretary.*

STATISTICS OF OFFERINGS

CHURCH	W. M. S.	Y. W. A.	G. A.	R. A.	S. B.
Brookford	$ 56.45	$	$	$	$
Catawba	24.10				
Goodsonville	29.47	34.53			
Hickory First	1,148.13	116.47	66.45	100.81	
West Hickory	35.35				
Highland	67.80	41.65	7.75		7.10
Lawing's Chapel	9.53				
Lincolnton First			42.54	21.74	12.78
East Maiden	5.15				
Maiden First	4.67	22.11			
Mountain Grove	10.35	5.50			
Newton First	120.10	9.65			4.60
Penelope	28.20	14.77			4.11
River View	38.30				
Totals	$1,865.18	$ 244.68	$ 116.74	$ 122.55	$ 28.59

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

EXHIBIT A. B. Y. P. U. PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	GENERAL DIRECTOR	ADULT PRESIDENT	SENIOR PRESIDENT	INTERMEDIATE LEADER	JUNIOR LEADER
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	Mrs. Sinie McNeilly Brookford	Mrs. Kate Miller Brookford	Mrs. Stella Steppe Brookford	R. L. Bolick Brookford
Catawba	Miss Stella Coulter Catawba		Miss Sue Brown Catawba	Miss Susie Danner Catawba	
Corinth	Miss Cletus Speagle R-3, Vale		Miss Elma Stallings R-3, Vale		
Goodsonvlle	Z. T. Wise Lincolnton		Miss Alice Williams R-3, Ln'tn	Miss Ruth Withers R-3, Ln'tn	Miss Maggie Icard Lincolnton
Hickory First	Louis Bogle Hickory	Chas. F. Rogers Hickory	Miss Rosebud Walker Hickory	Mrs. R. K. Redwine Hickory	Miss Myrtle Campbell Hickory
West Hickory	Everett Propst R-1, Hickory	Mrs. W. L. Goodson R-4, Hky	Miss Selma Hicks W. Hickory	W. S. Abernethy W. Hickory	Mrs. J. E. Daye R-1, Hickory
Highland	S. C. Duncan Hickory	B. E. Correll Hickory	Everette Gutherie Hickory	R. N. Penland Hickory	C. M. Knipp Hickory
Lincoln Avenue			C. R. Hallman Lincolnton		
Lincolnton First	Mrs. Emily Eaton Lincolnton	K. L. Lineberger Lincolnton	Clarence Duncan Lincolnton	Mrs. E. F. Hardin Lincolnton	Mrs. M. T. Leatherman Ln'tn
East Maiden	R. B. Cook R-4, Lincolnton		J. D. Turner Maiden	Haskel Sides R-4, Lincolnton	Miss Ollie Piercy Maiden
Maiden First			Miss Wilma Caldwell Maiden	W. C. Laney Maiden	Miss Mattye Whitener Maiden
Newton First	Mrs. J. R. Cantrell Newton		Cletus Cantrell Newton		Mrs. J. W. Coley Newton
Olivet	J. C. Saunders Long Island		Mrs. A. York Long Island		
Penelope	Mrs. W. A. Cooke W. Hickory	L. F. Yoder R-4, Hickory		Mrs. G. M. Turner Hickory	Miss May Wright R-4, Hickory
Southside	Mrs. C. E. Sigmon R-5, Lin'tn			Mr. Frank Parker Southside	Vernon Smith Southside

EXHIBIT B. W. M. S. AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	W. M. S. PRESIDENTS	Y. W. A. COUNSELOR	G. A. LEADER	R. A. LEADER	SUNBEAM LEADER
Brookford	Mrs. Fannie Couch Brookford				
Catawba	Mrs. C. B. Wike Catawba				
Goodsonville	Mrs. I. A. Hallman Lincolnton	Mrs. M. F. Dellinger Lin't'n			Miss Ruth Withers Lincolnton
Hickory First	Mrs. E. N. Carr Hickory	Mrs. O. Joe Howard Hickory	Mrs. E. W. Walton Hickory	Mrs. E. N. Carr Hickory	Mrs. Noel Hosley Hickory
West Hickory	Mrs. W. L. Goodson R-4, Hky				
Highland	Mrs. O. T. Rockett Hickory	Mrs. E. F. Sullivan Hickory	Mrs. J. T. Shipman Hickory		Mrs. J. C. Bridgeman Hickory
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernethy Lin'tn				
Leonards Fork	Mrs. S. W. Bennett Lincolntor				
Lincoln Avenue	Mrs E. M. Hallman Lincolnt'n				Mrs. T. V. Lineberger Lint'n
Lincolnton First	Mrs. J. W. Bowles Lincolnt'n	Mrs. Emily Eaton Lincolnton	Mrs. J. O. Shuford Lincolnton	Mrs. E. T. Childs Lincolnton	Mrs. Geo. Brevard Lincolnton
East Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams Maiden				Miss Viola Setzer Maiden
Maiden First	Mrs. M. L. Bunchanan Maiden	Mrs. Florence Wilkinson M'd'n			
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Harry Frye R-1, Hickory				
Newton First	Mrs. J. W. Hol'ngsw'h Newton	Miss Helen Corpening Newton	Mrs. C. D. Jessup Newton		Mrs. B. R. McCreight Newton
North Newton	Mrs. R. G. Short Maiden				
Penelope	Mrs. W. A. Cooke W. Hickory		Miss Clara Starnes R-4, Hick'y		Mrs. A. C. Sneed R-4, Hickory
River View	Mrs Ed. Devine R-5, Linct'n				Miss Vertie Fox R-5, Lint'n

EXHIBIT C.

HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE OF MEETING	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHED SERMON
October 24, 25, 26, 1912	Maiden First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	I. T. Newton
October 23, 24, 25, 1913	Mt. Holly	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. J. Beach
October 22, 23, 24, 1914	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. C. Barrett
October 27, 28, 29, 1915	West Hickory	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. S. Connell
October 25, 26, 1916	East Gastonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. D. Harte
Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 1917	Newton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	.....
November 21, 22, 1918	Belmont First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. L. Vipperman
October 29, 30, 1919	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. R. Bradshaw
October 27, 28, 1920	Mountain Grove	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. W. Rimmer
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1921	Lawing's Chapel	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	.....
September 28, 29, 1922	River View	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. C. Whitener
September 27, 28, 1923	Catawba	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. R. Freeman
October 2, 3, 1924	Penelope	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. M. Robinson
October 1, 2, 1925	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	T. C. Singleton
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1926	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. D. Barton
September 29, 30, 1927	Corinth	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. A. Ivey
September 27, 28, 1928	Mount Ruhama	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	R. G. Short
September 26, 27, 1929	Mount Zion	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	E. F. Hardin
October 2, 3, 1930	Warlick's	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	C. F. Pittman
October 1, 2, 1931	Maiden First	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	J. R. Cantrell
September 29, 30, 1932	Mountain Grove	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	M. I. Harriss

Statistical Reports

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country	When Constituted	SUNDAYS OF MEETING	PASTOR'S AND POST OFFICES	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Papers
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Amity	Country	1905	Second	M. G. Chapman Goodsonville	34		1			1			1	33	No	1	2	
Antioch	Country	1922	Fourth	H. W. Baucom Victory Sta., Gastonia	55	5							1	59				
Bethel	Country	1896	Third	J. B. Payne R-3, Lincolnton	96	6						1	3	98	No	1	2	1
Brookford	Village	1907	Every	W. C. Laney Brookford	184	6	2	1		2	14	2	1	174	Yes	1	2	10
Catawba	Village	1874	First, Third	S. A. Stroup R-2, Catawba	186	9	2			3			2	192	Yes	1		2
Cedar Grove	Country	1902	Second, Fourth	M. L. Bunchanan Maiden	40	1				10			1	30	Yes	1		
Center View	Country	1915	First, Third	L. A. McClure Alexis	139	10	7			2				154	Yes	1	2	
Corinth	Country	1840	Fourth	W. E. Bost Granite Falls	154	5	1			7			2	151	Yes	1	1	3
Denver	Village	1914	Fourth (Aft.)	L. A. McClure Alexis	18					2				16				
Faith	Country	1905		H. B. Jones Lincolnton	42	1								43				
Gainsville	Country	1923	Second, Fourth	L. A. Bangle Lincolnton	129		1			2			4	124	No	1	1	
Goodsonville	Village	1922	Every	H. B. Jones Lincolnton	226	21	16			7			1	255	Yes	2	4	1
Hickory First	City	1870	Every	Dr. R. K. Redwine Hickory	693	48	52			19	2	27	5	740	Yes	1	4	20
West Hickory	City	1905	Every	W. W. Marr, 2238 11th Ave Hickory	179	31	8			8				210	Yes	2	4	
Highland	City	1912	Every	E. F. Sullivan Hickory	504	8	15	3		18	1	7	3	501	Yes	2	4	
Kid's Chapel	Country	1872	Third	Paul K. Drum R-1, Maiden	14								2	12				
Lawing's Chapel	Country	1908	Second	L. A. McClure Alexis	182	6	2		2	9	1		1	181	Yes	1	2	
Leonard's Fork	Country	1882	Second, Fourth	S. W. Bennett Lincolnton	40	5	4							49		1	2	1
Lincoln Avenue	Town	1910	Second, Fourth	A. A. Lockee Lincolnton	147	2	16			12				153	Yes	1		
Lincolnton First	Town	1859	Every	E. F. Hardin Lincolnton	264	7	21		1	21	2	1	7	262	Yes		4	20
Long Shoals	Village	1918		B. F. Austin East Gastonia	12									12				
Macedonia	Country	1834	First, Third	A. A. Lockee Lincolnton	230	1				2			2	227	Yes	1	2	
East Maiden	Town	1927	First, Third	L. R. Williams Maiden	156	3	10			9				160	Yes	1	3	4
Maiden First	Town	1891	Every	M. L. Bunchanan Maiden	394	35	7			8	10		3	415	Yes	1	3	5
Mount Ruhama	Country	1816	First, Third	L. A. McClure Alexis	261	19	6			9		2	5	270	Yes	1	2	
Mount Zion	Country	1869	Third	T. H. Roach Lincolnton	130		6			5			3	128				
Mountain Grove	Country	1881	Second, Fourth	J. L. Teague R-2, Hickory	115		1			1			1	114	No	1	1	2
Mountain View	Country	1902	Fourth	L. A. McClure Alexis	136	8	2			4			1	141	Yes	1	2	
Newton First	Town	1881	Every	J. R. Cantrell Newton	290	8	20	1		8			2	309	Yes	1	4	10
North Newton	Town	1921	Second, Fourth	R. G. Short Newton	139	7	7	1		9	3	43	1	98	Yes	1	1	
Olivet	Country	1833	Second, Fourth	S. A. Stroup R-2, Catawba	256	1	2						4	255	No	1	2	4
Penelope	Town	1888	Every	Vacant	330	16	4	2		14			5	333	Yes	2	4	
Piney Grove	Country	1904		R. G. Short Newton	43							1	1	41				
Providence	Country	1878	Second, Fourth	W. E. Bost Granite Falls	99	11			1	1			3	107	No	1	1	1
Reepsville	Country	1888		A. L. Campbell Gastonia	113	2	2			7				110	Yes	1	1	
River View	Country	1897	Second, Fourth	Vacant	154					3	6			145	Yes	2	4	
Salem	Country	1849	First, Third	M. P. Rhyne Dallas	102	2	4			3			1	104	Yes	1	1	
Sharon	Country	1884	First, Third	S. M. Stroup Alexis	73					2			3	68	No	1	2	1
Southside	Country	1925	Second, Fourth	L. R. Williams Maiden	118	3							1	120	Yes	1	3	
*Startown	Country				10									10				
Warlick's	Country	1875		C. A. Abernethy Icard	95	3	2			4		10	1	85				
TOTALS					6582	290	221	8	4	212	39	94	71	6689	24	36	70	85

*—Denotes figures from last year's report.

TABLE II. SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City, or County	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION									
			Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3 to 5 Years	Primaries 6 to 8 Years	Juniors 9 to 12 Years	Intermediates 13 to 16 Years	Young People 17 to 24 Years	Adults 25 Years Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is It Standard?	Teachers with Diplomas	Baptisms From School	Have You a Mission School?	Enrollment of Mission School	Did You Hold a D. V. B. S.	Enrollment of D. V. B. S.	Av. Attendance of D. V. B. S.
Amity	Country																					
Antioch	Country		3						55			58										
Bethel	Country	Everett Mullen R-3, Lincolnton	9		17	14	17	6	6			69	52	Yes	No	4	6	No		No		
Brookford	Village	Rufus S. Bolick Brookford	28	27	58	71	48	47	72	13	8	372	167	Yes	No	15	6	No		No		
Catawba	Village	C. W. Ervin Catawba	15	8	9	15	20	39	22	19	12	159	67	Yes	No	6	9	No		No		
Cedar Grove	Country	John Beard R-1, Maiden	16	17	16	15	15	16	16	13		124		Yes	No	4		No		No		
Center View	Country	M. C. Laney R-1, Maiden	14						134			148		No			10					
Corinth	Country	C. C. Propst R-1, Hickory	15	9	20	27	28	18	28	12		157	71	Yes	Yes	8	3	No		No		
Denver	Village																					
Faith	Country	P. L. Sigmon Alexis	6	3			3	11	5			28										
Gainsville	Country	C. C Houser Crouse	8		18	19	23	13	19			100	60	Yes	No	1		No		No		
Goodsonville	Village	J. C. Burke Lincolnton	17	34	20	41	38	52	51	68		321	157	Yes	No	8	10	No		No		
Hickory First	City	T. P. Pruitt Hickory	83	38	83	114	104	94	172	110	31	829	440	Yes	No	56	42	Yes	35	Yes	259	214
West Hickory	City	C. H. Brittain R-1, Hickory	38	31	43	60	55	33	83	27		370	206	Yes	No	10	25	Yes	90	No		
Highland	City	B. E. Correll Hickory	60	35	77	83	76	88	108	48	25	600	287	Yes	No	25	8	No		No		
Kid's Chapel	Country	Mrs. C. A. Keever Iron Station							41			41	35	Yes	No			No		No		
Lawing's Chapel	Country	J. H. Fish R-4, Lincolnton	14	12	15	19	23	10	34			127	84	Yes	No	3	6	No		No		
Leonard's Fork	Country	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse	15	7	4	12	3	6	16	6	5	74	40	Yes	Yes	8	3	No		No		
Lincoln Avenue	Town	W. A. Heafner Lincolnton	16	20	15	48	12	74	77	16		278	153	Yes	No	5	2	No		No		
Lincolnton First	Town	L. V. Padgett Lincolnton	41	24	29	52	50	28	49	18		291	145	Yes	No	18	7	Yes	35	No		
Long Shoals	Village	P. A. Kiser R-5, Lincolnton	6						94			100	60	No	No			No		No		
Macedonia	Country	M. L. Cash R-3, Lincolnton	9	21	17	13	24	60	15			159		Yes	No		1	No		No		
East Maiden	Town	E. H. Williams Maiden	30	12	15	35	33	45	40			210	161	Yes	No	20	2	No		No		
Maiden First	Town	W. C. Laney Maiden	26	22	29	56	55	61	70	25		344	205	Yes	No	24	30	No		No		
Mount Ruhama	Country	Geo. W. Caldwell R-2, Newton	15	16	24	30	35	34	68	19		241		Yes	No		15					
Mount Zion	Country	B. F. Shelton Alexis							78			78										
Mountain Grove	Country	C. S. Echerd R-1, Hickory	13	16	15	23	25	21	26			139	62	Yes	No	1		No		No		
Mountain View	Country	W. W. Moore Maiden	9						107			116	71	No	No		8					
Newton First	Town	J. Y. Killian Newton	41	25	50	92	35	50	107	35	7	442	225	Yes	Yes	21	8	No		No		
North Newton	Town	J. T. Whisnant Newton	16	22	21	28	21	20	58	8		194	130	Yes	No	8	6	No		No		
Olivet	Country		21	17	19	42	58	56	35	24		272	129	Yes	No		1	No		No		
Penelope	Town	W. T. Phillips R-4, Hickory	57	24	65	95	70	37	77	15		440	240	Yes	No			No		No		
Piney Grove	Country								46			46										
Providence	Country	M. S. Brittain Vale	16	9	12	25	10	16	18			106	50	Yes	No	16	10	No		No		
Reepsville	Country	Marvin Sconce R-2, Lincolnton	17	9	11	20	18	26	27	7		135	100	Yes		16						
River View	Country	Gwin Blackburn R-5, Lincolnton	10	47		75	55		159			346	175	No	No		27	No		No		
Salem	Country	P. D. Helms R-5, Lincolnton	8	9	9	13	21	15	14	5		94	57	Yes	No	2	2					
Sharon	Country	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	5		8	9	9	18	11			60	35	Yes	No			No		No		
Southside	Country	Gilbert Whitesides	12	6	10	20	31	75	29	5		188	113	Yes	No		3	No		No		
Startown																						
Warlick's	Country	George Knox R-4, Hickory	11	10	14	15	20	16	19	13		118	75	No	No	5	3					
TOTALS			720	530	743	1181	1035	1085	2086	506	88	7974	128			284	253		160		259	214

TABLE III. CHURCH PROPERTY, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Mission Chapel	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness On All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Amity	E. L. Ballard R-1, Iron Station	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1			$ 1 000	$	$	$ 1 000	$	$
Antioch	C. C. Devine R-4, Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	300	1			1 500			1 500		
Bethel	R. W. Long R-2, Lincolnton	Yes	1896	Wood	300	1			525			525		375
Brookford	R. L. Bolick Brookford	Yes	1910	Brick	300	18	3	15	15 000			15 000		
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	Yes	1875	Brick	300	1			3 500			3 500		
Cedar Grove	John Rhodes R-1, Maiden	Yes	1902	Wood	200	1			300			300		
Center View	J. F. Hovis R-1, Maiden	Yes	1915	Wood	500	1			1 500			1 500		
Corinth	Miss Elma Stallings R-3, Vale	Yes	1885	Wood	300	1			2 000			2 000		1 000
Denver	W. F. Keever Denver	Yes		Wood	300	1			1 500			1 500		
Faith	B. E. Ballard Iron Station	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1			1 200			1 200		
Gainsville	C. C. Houser Crouse	Yes	1923	Wood	300	1	1	5	2 000			2 000		
Goodsonville	J. P. Williams R-3, Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	700	9		6	4 200			4 200	151	3 000
Hickory First	T. D. Greene Hickory	Yes	1900	Brick	800	2	6	47	95 000		5 000	100 000	13 000	60 000
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy W. Hickory	Yes	1908	Brick	400	19	2	19	12 000		2 000	14 000	1 700	4 000
Highland	A. T. Fox Hickory	Yes	1914	Brick	500	37	6	26	25 000		5 000	30 000	1 000	5 500
Kid's Chapel	W. A. Poole Iron Station	Yes		Wood	300	1			500			500		
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry R-4, Lincolnton	Yes	1908	Wood	600	1			2 000			2 000		500
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	Yes	1883	Wood	300	1		4	1 000			1 000		
Lincoln Avenue	W. K. Stover Box 358, Lincolnton	Yes	1927	Brick	500	10	10	9	10 000			10 000	3 300	5 000
Lincolnton First	Geo. P. Brevard Lincolnton	Yes	1921	Bk.-St.	450	25	4	22	75 000		5 000	80 000	10 500	12 500
Long Shoals	Tom Rash R-5, Lincolnton	Yes	1919	Wood	300	1			800			800		
Macedonia	W. A. Potts Lincolnton	Yes	1834	Brick	500	1	1		10 000			10 000		
East Maiden	E. H. Williams Maiden	Yes	1927	Wood	400	4	4	12	4 000			4 000	700	
Maiden First	Miss Wilma Caldwell Maiden	Yes	1930	Brick	600	20	2	20	20 000		3 000	23 000	8 825	8 000
Mount Ruhama	Geo. W. Caldwell R-2, Newton	Yes	1913	Wood	500	1	12	12	3 500			3 500	4 825	
Mount Zion	L. H. Helderman Alexis	Yes	1889	Wood	500	1			2 100			2 100		
Mountain Grove	G. F. Huffman R-1, Hickory	Yes	1881	Wood	300	3		2	2 250			2 250		
Mountain View	M. O. Gilleland Maiden	Yes	1902	Wood	500		7	7	2 500			2 500		1 200
Newton First	Perry D. Huitt Newton	Yes	1914	Brick	400	10	3	10	25 000		6 000	31 000		5 000
North Newton	J. J. Whisnant Newton	Yes	1923	Wood	300	3	2	2	1 000		1 000	2 000	375	1 500
Olivet	F. B. Tilley Long Island	Yes	1844	Wood	300	12	2	7	2 000		1 600	3 600		2 800
Penelope	L. F. Yoder R-4, Hickory	Yes	1888	Wood	400	22	4	18	8 000		2 000	10 000	450	4 850
Piney Grove	Lee Setzer R-2, Newton	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1			450			450		
Providence	Ted Richie Vale	Yes	1892	Wood	400	1		10	2 500			2 500		1 500
Reepsville	Mrs. D. C. Beaver R-1, Vale	Yes	1898	Wood	200	1			1 000			1 000		
River View	E. L. Johnson R-5, Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	500	8	7	8	5 000		2 000	7 000		3 000
Salem	Paul Cloninger High Shoals	Yes	1930	Brick	500	3			2 500			2 500	251	
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	Yes	1900	Wood	300	1	8	8	600			600		
Southside	Miss Alice Huss R-5, Lincolnton	Yes	1926	Wood	400	9	4	8	3 200			3 200		
Startown		Yes		Wood	200	1			500			500		
Warlick's	E. T. Berry Icard	Yes	1932	Brick	300	8	8	8	7 000			7 000	1 200	
TOTALS									$358 625		$ 32 600	$391 225	$ 37 452	$119 725

TABLE IV.

GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building Repairs and Church Debt	Incidentals	Literature For S. S., W. M. and B. Y. P. U.	Help For Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total Given By Church	Total Given By All W. M. U. Organizations	Total Given By Sunday School	Total For All Local Purposes By Church and All Organizations
Amity	Miss Lonnie Ballard ..... Iron Station	$ 20 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 20 00	$	$	$ 20 00
Antioch	C. C. Devine ..... R-4, Lincolnton	38 00			17 85		37 14			15 00	70 85		37 14	107 99
Bethel	R. W. Long ..... R-2, Lincolnton	75 00	5 00		15 00	75	20 00				90 75		25 00	115 75
Brookford	B. B. Bishop ..... Brookford	938 67		75 91	32 50	237 32	180 59		5 00		1 173 90		296 09	1 469 99
Catawba	Neil Wike ..... Catawba	427 84		41 00	10 00	54 27	85 75	10 00	2 50	14 75	540 65	25 25	80 21	646 11
Cedar Grove	John Rhodes ..... R-1, Maiden	15 97		5 00			28 97				20 97		28 97	49 94
Center View	W. W. Laney ..... R-1, Maiden	161 24		28 68		22 54			2 90		176 17		39 19	215 36
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant ..... R-1, Hickory	200 00		24 11		10 72	56 46		2 20		237 03		56 46	293 49
Denver	B. L. Beal ..... Iron Station	20 00									20 00			20 00
Faith	Miss Della Helderman ..... Alevis	30 90			36 88	16 37			90		85 05			85 05
Gainsville	W E. Ingle ..... RFD, Lincolnton	100 00		8 00		25 00	20 00		1 00		134 00		20 00	154 00
Goodsonville	V. D. Chapman ..... Lincolnton	1 250 00	18 00	94 47	427 33	126 90	159 33	27 07	1 00	45 40	2 072 73	76 77		2 149 50
Hickory Frst	H. G. Stephens ..... Hickory	3 000 00	600 00	67 50	865 08	1 244 60	774 37	103 32	25 00	236 36	6 096 38	52 15	767 70	6 916 23
West Hickory	W. S. Abernethy ..... B. 835, Hickory	901 05		24 40	387 75	136 68	163 00	5 00	3 60	30 00	1 335 48		316 00	1 651 48
Highland	J. T. Shipman ..... Hickory	1 001 48		65 60	1 064 70	219 77	261 65	32 50	12 00	345 22	3 002 92			3 002 92
Kid's Chapel	W. A. Poole ..... Iron Station	50 00									40 00		10 00	50 00
Lawing's Chapel	J. J. Henry ..... R-4, Lincolnton	165 93		24 05	170 00	15 61	44 79		3 80		393 39	7 90	22 89	424 18
Leonards Fork	J. W. Hoover ..... Crouse	114 53					11 13		65		126 31			126 31
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman ..... Lincolnton	244 00		40 97	3 45	67 53	84 55		2 90	56 62	384 50	30 97	84 55	500 02
Lincolnton First	M. T. Leatherman ..... Lincolnton	2 023 32	97 00	16 50	631 55	377 33	102 15		10 00	42 00	3 191 53		108 32	3 299 85
Long Shoals	P. P. Kiser ..... R-5, Lincolnton	60 00			3 20		16 00				79 20			79 20
Macedonia	N. P. Williams ..... Lincolnton	236 08			64 54						300 62			300 62
East Maiden	Brown Whisnant ..... R-4, Lincolnton	250 00		35 00	60 00		85 50		3 80	45 00	213 80	75 50	190 00	479 30
Maiden First	Tom Carpenter ..... Maiden	702 62		39 50	979 00	88 23	101 86		8 10	13 80	1 714 73	93 00	125 38	1 933 11
Mount Ruhama	Floyd Drum ..... R-2, Newton	341 10		35 50			21 47	5 00	5 60	42 00	450 67			450 67
Mount Zion	E. A. Sadler ..... Alexis	134 16		50 35		19 00	16 47		2 70	10 00	216 21		16 47	232 68
Mountain Grove	C. S. Echerd ..... R-1, Hickory	215 25		24 05	1 20	2 50	49 67		2 50		244 30	4 70	46 17	295 17
Mountain View	Carl Killian ..... Maiden	135 00				70 57					205 57			205 57
Newton First	C. D. Drum ..... Newton	1 800 00		15 00	124 12	187 85	130 22		5 00	106 86	2 034 85	105 72	228 48	2 369 05
North Newton	J. R. Murray ..... Newton	448 90		35 00	120 32	24 00	88 17			29 77	631 12		115 04	746 16
Olivet	W. W. Ervin ..... Long Island	400 00		56 27	27 50	53 05	85 02	100 00	3 00	50 00	689 82		85 02	774 84
Penelope	W. A. Cooke ..... West Hickory	1 236 50		140 76	398 92	253 21	216 79	27 00			2 056 39		216 79	2 273 18
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy ..... R-1, Catawba	52 00									52 00			52 00
Providence	D. W. Brittain ..... Vale	152 63		30 00		10 25	23 93				192 88		23 93	216 81
Reepsville	Amos Scronce ..... R-1, Vale	57 46		26 00		15 00	28 00	5 00	2 45		133 91			133 91
River View	C. P. Ramsey ..... R-5, Lincolnton	800 00		22 00	80 33		35 22	14 87		2 50	839 37		115 55	954 92
Salem	J. R. Avery ..... R-5, Linconton	145 98		7 50	49 50		23 71			8 90	211 88		23 71	235 59
Sharon	Miss Edna Lineberger ..... Iron Station	22 87		5 00			12 26			50	40 63			40 63
Southside	Frank Parker ..... Southside	209 00		21 30	84 48	51 60	74 68				306 74		134 32	441 06
Startown														
Warlick's	Loy Berry ..... Icard	200 00			420 00		16 79		2 00	9 20	647 99			647 99
TOTALS		18,377.48	$ 720 00	$1,059.42	$6,075.20	$3,330.65	$3,055.64	$ 329 76	$ 108 60	$1,103.88	30,475.29	$ 471 96	$3,213.38	34,160.63

TABLE V.

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, BENEVOLENCES, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian and Ministerial Education	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total for all Missions, Etc., by Church Only	Total Given By All W. M. U. Organizations	Total Given By Sunday School	Total For All Missions, Etc., By Church and All Organizations	Grand Total All Gifts for all Purposes by Church & All Organizations
Amity	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 20 00
Antioch														107 99
Bethel						7 64						7 64	7 64	123 39
Brookford	310 90	9 00	4 12	4 13		116 38	5 70		58 81	310 90		198 14	509 04	1 979 03
Catawba	51 80	12 84	14 00			43 83			5 00	36 10	49 00	42 37	127 47	773 53
Cedar Grove						2 00						2 00	2 00	51 94
Center View	18 68	2 76	3 72	3 45		14 55				43 16			43 16	258 52
Corinth	53 95	1 42				17 15			1 60	55 55		18 57	74 12	367 61
Denver	2 00									2 00			2 00	22 00
Faith	17 06		1 17	1 86			2 03			22 12			22 12	107 17
Gainsville	11 05									11 05			11 05	165 05
Goodsonville	110 38	1 50	28 37	38 97		209 76	9 00		24 38	75 00	72 60	274 76	422 36	2 571 86
Hickory First	2 313 08	50 00	25 55	133 35	5 00	456 15	57 00		13 15	2 481 23	192 05	380 00	3 053 28	9 969 51
West Hickory	20 00	10 00	12 00	13 00		23 00				20 00	35 00	23 00	78 00	1 729 48
Highland	530 78	16 88	14 12			141 16	13 40			242 58	321 80	151 96	716 34	3 719 26
Kid's Chapel														50 00
Lawing's Chapel	8 20					9 60				2 70	5 50	9 60	17 80	441 98
Leonard's Fork	13 00					4 75				13 00		4 75	14 75	144 06
Lincoln Avenue	59 90					27 11				59 90		27 11	87 01	587 03
Lincolnton First	202 92	18 45	32 00	34 17		113 11	25 59		43 15	223 87	136 14	109 38	469 39	3 769 24
Long Shoals	4 50					5 50				4 50		5 50	10 00	89 20
Macedonia	13 71									13 71			13 71	314 33
East Maiden	32 27					25 00				15 00	10 00	32 27	57 27	536 57
Maiden First	3 70		1 90			41 96	3 75		1 05	2 53	10 77	39 06	52 36	1 985 47
Mount Ruhama	32 10					19 97	2 80			54 87			54 87	505 54
Mount Zion	7 00					79 00	12 87			7 00		91 87	98 87	331 55
Mountain Grove	43 65	1 88	6 70	10 70		46 52	8 00		26 02	50 04	47 45	45 98	143 47	438 64
Mountain View	5 00									5 00			5 00	210 57
Newton First	168 82					96 80	10 00			55 40	113 42	106 80	275 62	2 644 67
North Newton	7 75	3 00	4 93			31 60	3 90		12 00	7 75		55 43	63 18	809 34
Olivet	68 65					28 80				68 65		28 80	97 45	872 29
Penelope	60 00	5 00	3 00	7 00		20 80	16 90			90 50	22 20		112 70	2 385 88
Piney Grove									18 79	18 79			18 79	70 79
Providence	23 31					16 00	6 50			23 31		22 50	45 81	262 62
Reepsville						4 92						4 92	4 92	138 83
River View	42 90	3 15	5 00			42 95	45 00			71 80	24 25	42 95	139 00	1 093 92
Salem						15 00						15 00	15 00	250 59
Sharon						4 75						4 75	4 75	45 38
Southside	9 23			11 00		10 00		5 65				35 88	35 88	476 94
Startown														
Warlick's							2 75					2 75	2 75	650 74
TOTALS	$4,246.29	$ 135 88	$ 156 58	$ 257 63	$ 5 00	$1,675.76	$ 225 19	$ 5 65	$ 203 95	$4,088 01	$1,040.18	$1,783.74	$6,911.93	41,072.56

TABLE VI. B. Y. P. U.'s OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Index No.	CHURCHES	Does Church Have General B. Y. P. U.	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Int'mediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Number Taking Study Course	Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Systematic Givers	Students in College	Index No.
1	Amity																	1
2	Antioch																	2
3	Bethel																	3
4	Brookford	Yes	1	1	1	2	5		14	11	19	33	77	48	38	45		4
5	Catawba			1	1		2			21	17		38	10	11	23	1	5
6	Cedar Grove																	6
7	Center View																	7
8	Corinth			1			1			19			19		10	12		8
9	Denver																	9
10	Faith																	10
11	Gainsville																	11
12	Goodsonville	Yes		1	1	1	3			24	10	23	57	33	21	28		12
13	Hickory First	Yes	1	1	3	3	8		28	19	67	56	170	79	27	98	4	13
14	West Hickory	Yes	1	1	3	1	6		10	22	40	32	104	62	76	76		14
15	Highland	Yes	1	1	1	2	5		18	22	19	55	114	52	63	69		15
16	Kid's Chapel																	16
17	Lawing's Chapel																	17
18	Leonard's Fork																	18
19	Lincoln Avenue	No		1			1			24			24	3	12	11		19
20	Lincolnton First	Yes	1	1	1	1	4		8	20	29	25	82				3	20
21	Long Shoals																	21
22	Macedonia																	22
23	East Maiden	Yes		1	1	1	3			20	25	19	64	27	30	30	4	23
24	Maiden First	Yes		1	1	2	4			20	22	44	86			20	1	24
25	Mount Ruhuma																	25
26	Mount Zion																	26
27	Mountain Grove																	27
28	Mountain View																	28
29	Newton First	Yes		1		1	2			20		30	50					29
30	North Newton																	30
31	Olivet	Yes		1	1	1	3	1		17	28	22	67	54	30	50		31
32	Penelope	Yes	1	1	2	2	6	1	27	14	40	43	124	82	52	75		32
33	Piney Grove																	33
34	Providence																	34
35	Reepsville																	35
36	River View																	36
37	Salem																	37
38	Sharon																	38
39	Southside	Yes		1	1	1	3			16	14	10	40					39
40	Startown																	40
41	Warlick's																	41
	TOTALS		6	15	17	18	56	2	105	289	330	392	1116	450	415	537	13	

TABLE VII. WOMAN'S WORK, ETC., OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Index No.	No. Missionary Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study Classes	Index No.
1														1
2														2
3														3
4	1					1	12					12		4
5	1					1	14					14		5
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9														9
10														10
11														11
12	1	1			1	3	16	29			44	89		12
13	1	1	2	1	1	6	121	24	40	18	33	236	54	13
14	1					1	12					12		14
15	1	1	1		1	4	25	15	9		20	69	12	15
16														16
17	1					1	12					12		17
18	1					1	14					14		18
19	1				1	2	10				16	26		19
20	1	1	2	1	1	6	57	21	39	20	31	168	65	20
21														21
22														22
23	1				1	2	13				8	21		23
24	1	1				2	20	15				35		24
25														25
26														26
27	1	1				2	9	13				22		27
28														28
29	1	1	1		1	4	25	23	20		8	76		29
30	1					1	5					5		30
31														31
32	1	1	1		1	4	30	20	12		12	74	15	32
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38														38
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40														40
41														41
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Donated by Mrs. J. Oscar Shuford

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OSBORNE BROWN

For sixteen years Moderator of the South Fork Association.

The little girl in the picture is his oldest daughter, now Mrs. Kimball, of Statesville, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to educate to the ministry, men called of God and approved by the Church to which they belong; to support the Gospel throughout the bounds of the Association; to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible by all our people; to promote the work of the Bible School and the Young People and to cooperate with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention in all departments of their work.

3. This Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the several member churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association and Chairman of all standing committees. Each church of one hundred members or fraction thereof shall be entitled to two messengers, and for each additional fifty members, an additional messenger; provided, that no church shall have more than five messengers.

4. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected on the closing day of each annual session and shall serve through the next annual meeting.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee for the Association, consisting of the Moderator, ex-officio, and nine members representing the different sections of the Association. The nine members shall be divided into equal groups and elected for one, two and three years. As the terms expire, the successors shall serve for terms of three years. At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three to nominate, at the following annual session, members to fill vacancies of the Executive Committee. Vacancies occurring between sessions of the Association may be filled until the next session by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Failure without good reason to attend at least two meetings of the Executive Committee during the year shall disqualify any member from serving the following years. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions and report annually to the Association and bring to the Association such recommendations as they may consider wise.

6. The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the first Sunday in October, at ten A. M. The hours for the convention of further sessions of the Association shall be fixed by the Moderator or by the Program Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee for each annual session, composed of three members, one of which shall be the Pastor of the church with which the Association will meet. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a program for the next annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The number of the messengers shall be ascertained each day previous to proceeding with the business of the Association.

3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one else to preside if he wishes to vacate the chair.

4. The Parliamentary Proceedure shall be in accordance with Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Practice", which shall be final authority on any question of proceedure arising during the deliberation of the Association.

5. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and shall superintend the printing of the Minutes.

Associational Directory

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

L. L. HATFIELD, Hickory, N. C. ..... Moderator
REV. J. R. CANTRELL, Newton, N. C. ..... Vice-Moderator
J. Y. KILLIAN, Newton, N. C. ..... Treasurer
R. H. HARRILL, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Retiring Clerk
M. S. BRITTAIN, RFD 1, Hickory, N. C. ..... Incoming Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Expires 1935

J. Y. Killian, Newton
R. S. Bolick, Brookford
R. H. Harrill, Lincolnton

Term Expires 1936

M. S. Brittain, RFD 1, Hickory
M. H. Laney, FRD 1, Maiden
G. S. Caldwell, RFD 5, Lincolnton

Term Expires 1937

E. F. Sullivan, Hickory T. H. Caldwell, Maiden C. W. Ervin, Catawba

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

G. C. Hewitt, Newton ..... Associational Superintendent
Mrs. Lela Stett, Brookford ..... Supt. Hickory District
C. W. Ervin, Catawba ..... Supt. Catawba Dstrict
G. W. Whisnant, RFD 3, Lincolnton ..... Supt. Maiden District
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse ..... Supt. Lincolnton District
Miss Katie Burke, Goodsonville ..... Supt. East-Lincoln District
Mrs. Rose Gregg, Newton ..... Secretary-Treasurer

W. M. U. CONVENTION

Mrs. G. R. Grice, Lincolnton ..... Associational Superintendent
Mrs. J. W Bowles, Lincolnton ..... Associate Associational Supt.
Mrs. G. W. Tobey, Lincolnton ..... Secretary
Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory ..... Treasurer
Mrs. W. C. Cook, Hickory ..... Leader Hickory District
Mrs. J. R. Cantrell, Newton ..... Leader Newton-Maiden District
Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Lincolnton ..... Leader Lincolnton District
Mrs. J. L. Putnam, Lincolnton ..... Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. W. L. Boatright, Hickory ..... Personal Service Chairman
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse ..... Literature Chairman
Mrs. Hilton Bowles, Hickory ..... Young Peoples' Leader
Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Hickory ..... Worker-At-Large

B. T. U. CONVENTION

W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton ..... Associational President
Haskill Sides, RFD, Lincolnton ..... Associational Vice-President
Miss Katie Burke, Goodsonville ..... Secretary-Treasurer
Margaret Honeycutt, Lincolnton ..... Corresponding Secretary
J. W. Williams, Maiden ..... Chorister
Rebecca Lawrence, Hickory ..... Pianist
C. S. Duncan, Hickory ..... Adult Leader
Everett Propst, Hickory ..... Senior Leader
Eulalia McClure, Alexis ..... Intermediate Leader
Helen Murphy, Lincolnton ..... Junior Leader
Donnie Hudson, Hickory ..... President Hickory District
Susie Danner, Catawba ..... President Newton District
Ophelia Cook, RFD, Lincolnton ..... President Maiden District
Mrs. C. F. Clanton, Goodsonville ..... President East-Lincoln District
Jeffie Marlowe, Lincolnton ..... President Lincolnton District

List of Messengers
(SESSION 1934)

Amity	John Miller*, P. A. Mullen	Vis. 3
Antioch	Miss Hallie Shuford*, C. C. DeVine*, R. L. Pendeton*	Vis. 0
Bethel	Odell Wrght*, Mary Turner*	Vis. 4
Brookford	R. S. Bolick*, Lillian Pope, Vashti Fagan*	Vis 5
Catawba	R. H. Brown*, H. A. Witherspoon*, Stella Coulter*, Eunice Trollinger*	Vis. 0
Cedar Grove	J. W. Beard, H. A. Scronce	Vis. 0
Center View	M. M. Laney*, G. W. Laney*, J. P. Turbyfill*	Vis. 17
Corinth	C. C. Propst*, Frankie Propst*, C. V. Stalings*	Vis. 3
Denver	B. L. Beal*, Annie Beal*	Vis. 0
Faith	J. R. Black*, P. L. Sigmon*	Vis. 20
Gainsville	Scott Campbell*, C. G. Sigmon*, C. C. Houser	Vis. 0
Goodsonville	Clyde Devine*, Glenn Delinger, Mrs. I. A. Hallman*, Maggie Icard*, R. L. Wilson*	Vis. 10
Hickory First	J. A. Steelman*, C. W. Ellington*, J. F. Click*, W. T. Sledge*, Mrs. C. C. Craft*	Vis. 12
West Hickory	E. Propst, Mrs. W. L. Goodson, Mrs. C. O. Beach, Mrs. C. P. Abernethy, W. S. Abernethy*, Mrs. W. S. Abernethy* (A)	Vis. 1
Highland	A. T. Fox*, C. A. Newton*, Mrs. C. D. Hyder*, Mrs. O. T. Rockett*, S. C. Duncan	Vis. 5
Kid's Chapel	D. A. Poole*, Mrs. D. A. Poole*	Vis. 0
Lawing's Cpl	G. S. Whisnant*, W. H. Caldwell*, Mrs. W. M. Lawing*	Vis. 5
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover*, Mrs. J. W. Hoover*, Mrs. L. N. Heavner*	Vis. 4
Lincoln Ave	E. M. Hallman*, Mrs. E. M. Hallman*, Mrs. Alex Hoke, W. K. Stewart* (A)	Vis. 5
Linc'ton First	J. O. Allen*, J. W. Bowles*, Mrs. J. W. Bowles*, W. E. Garrison*, L. V. Padgett*	Vis. 18
Long Shoals	P. P. Kiser*, M. G. Cloer*	Vis. 0
Macedonia	W A. Potts*, J. A. Williams, J. P. Armstrong*, C. E. Ewuing*	Vis. 117
East Maiden	R .B. Cook*, E. H. Williams*, Avery McAllister*	Vis. 6
Maiden First	T. H. Caldwell, W. C. Laney*, C. M. Lawing*, Mrs. J. C. Heffner, Margaret Beal*, Mrs. Pearl Carpenter* (A), Virginia Sigmon* (A), L. F. Caldwell*	Vis. 15

Mt. Ruhama	Lee Campbell*, Roy Ratchford*, Mrs. Roy Ratchford*, G. W. Caldwell*, Frank Ballard*	Vis. 8
Mt. Zion	L. H. Hederman, Mrs. Iva Cloninger*, Mrs. V. Helderman*, Edna Rhyne*	Vis. 5
Mtn. Grove	Mrs. J. L Teague*	Vis. 1
Mtn. View	W. W. Moore*, W. F. Ballard*, L. P. Gilleland*	Vis. 1
Newton First	J. W. Hollingsworth*, Mrs. L. B. Beal*, Mrs. R. W. Drum*, Mrs. G. L. Gregg*, Mrs. Avery Lawing*	Vis. 6
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant*, C. J. Stewart*	Vis. 1
Olivet	J. T. Calloway*, H. G. Kale*, L. A. White*	Vis. 2
Penelope	Mrs. G. Robinson, Mrs. L. R. Frye*, Roy Martin*, P. Harris, G. S. Smith	Vis. 4
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy*, E. T. Barker	Vis. 1
Providence	M. S. Brittain*, W. F. Huffman*, F. S. Abee*	Vis. 0
Reepsville	A. L. Clark*, Mrs. Chas. Scronce*, Chas. Scronce, Marvin Scronce* (A), Mrs. Marvin Scronce* (A)	Vis. 0
River View	G. S. Caldwell, C. P. Ramsey*, R. L. Chronister, G. W. Punch* (A), Mrs. C. P. Ramsey* (A)	Vis. 8
Salem	F. D. Helms, A. C. Lewis*, Cliff Smith*, Chas. Jenkens	Vis. 1
Sharon	Elizabeth Reel*, Irene Lineberger*	Vis. 5
Southside	Ray Parker*, Mrs. Ray Parker*, Gilbert Whitesides	Vis. 0
Warlick's	Stanley Berry, Mrs. J. D. Knox	Vis. 0

NOTE:—The symbol "*" denotes actual attendance at one or more sessions of the Association.

The symbol "A" denotes alternate messenger.

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Associational Officers	4
Pastors and Ministers	24
Official Messengers and Alternates	109
From Associational Churches (other than messengers)	292
State Officers and Representatives	5
Visitors from Local Community	31
Visitors from Outside Association	16
TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE	481

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1934

The South Fork Baptist Association convened at 10:00 A. M., the 27th day of September, A. D., 1934, in its 56th annual session, with Macedonia Baptist Church, in Lincoln County, North Carolina, with those messengers in attendance as shown by list of messengers and indicated present by the symbol (*).

Moderator L. L. Hatfield called the Association to order and the sessions were opened by singing the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," led by Pastor S. A. Stroup, the designated music director for the annual meeting, and prayer which was led by Pastor L. A. McClure. The morning devotional period was conducted by Pastor Fred G. Womack, who read Scripture Lesson and commented on God's longing for His people to come under his wings. This was a gripping and inspirational message to begin the session.

The Association proceeded with organization and messengers and Pastors having enrolled at the door, roll of churches was called, the messengers from the different churches standing in response to the call of their church. All churches answered roll call with the exception of Cedar Grove and Warlicks.

Some of the visitors to the Association were recognized at this time, among them being Pastors Corpening and Laughridge, from Lancaster, S. C.; Pastor B. E. Morris, Statesville; Mrs. John Wacaster, Kings Mountain; Mrs. Anderson Hillsaps, Statesville, returned missionary from China; J. M. Page, Recorder Representative.

Pastor R. K. Redwine introduces proposed change to the Constitution, which provided the striking out present section number four, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following: The Officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected on the closing day of each annual session and shall serve through the next annual meeting. Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the amendment was duly adopted and ordered written into the Constitution. Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, present officers were elected to serve through the present session.

Report on Biblical Recorder was presented by Rev. J. R. Cantrell, Pastor of Newton First Church, who read the following:

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

On November 22, 1834, Thomas Meredith announced through the Interpreter that he would convert the Interpreter from a monthly into a weekly to be called "THE BIBLICAL RECORDER." He says, "We will once more try the hazard of an experiment.', That was the definition of the Biblical Recorder a hundred years ago. Do we not wish that Thomas Meredith might see the hazard of an experiment today. He ask for 300 subscribers to begin with but he began with only 150.

There was faith and courage and humility—no Baptist brag in those days But those brethren were doing great things. They were laying lasting foundations. They created three Baptist institutions that are here today, and that have accounted in no small measure for our Baptist progress. They created the Board of Missions, Wake Forest College and the Biblical Recorder. These three have not only survived the decades and the generations but on them our past progress and present prosperity rest, so far as human agencies count. Those brethren who brought these institutions into being were men of great wisdom and more than that the hand of Providence was upon them. On hundred years of progress bear witness to the truth of this assertion.

The Biblical Recorder is a bundle of information bringing to Baptist the very things they need to know. It is a direct connecting line between our mission Boards, Secretaries, W. M. U. Officers and the church, society and individual. The function of the Biblical Recorder is best stated no doubt in a report given by old Dr. Wingate in the year 1857 in which he says: "The extensive circulation of the Biblical Recorder within the bounds of our state should now be regarded as an absolute necessity to our denominational efficiency. All our local and general items of interest must be disseminated through its columns. The great objectives of the convention are furtherd mainly by its general circulation. It advocates our public interests, discusses our distinctive principles, gives circulation to our best books, guards our fold against roving imposters, gives currency to the thoughts of our leading writers, corrects and harmonizes the faith and practice of our churches, and enables us to hold a weekly communion of thought, the one with the other."

"How then can we spare our Recorder? How much should we desire to extend its circulation! We therefore heartily and earnestly recommend it to the homes and hearts of our brethren." And this Biblical Recorder is the means whereby and wherein we express our Collective Baptist life. The recorder has brought us to understand more fully the principles of unity. Great institutions depend upon us. A world of mission fields depend upon us. We cannot divide now To do so would be to impair the progress of civilization itself. We must stand together. Our denominational paper the Recorder will help us to do that. Through its pages let us get the Baptist news and become helpers to the truth.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. CANTRELL

Upon motion, to adopt, Moderator recognized Brother Cantrell to speak to the report, who yielded his time to Bro. J. M. Page, Recorder Representative, who told of the paper, its work, history and condition. He urged the people of the Association to subscribe to the paper. He stated that the paper had lost 10,000 subscribers during the past few years and must regain them in order to continue

publication. The report was then duly adopted.

Moderator called for report on W. M. U., which was presented and read by Mrs. George R. Grice, of Lincolnton First Church, and Associational W. M. U. President, the report being as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The work of our Association during the past year furnishes many reasons for encouragement. Many difficulties have been encountered, but instead of the work going backward, there has been some achievement and progress. As some one has said, "Not so much time has been spent, perhaps, in lengthening or cords, as to strengthening our stakes." We have earnestly tried to keep into action all of our organizations, and the results have been quite gratifying. Since last year several new organizations have been added. We do know that the interest of some of our young people, and wmen of the association has been increased and that they are putting forth more of an effort, in order that they may help to carry the Gospel to all parts of the world. As Christians the Master is calling to each of us and since he has been so good to us, we must not fail Him now.

Our aim for the year is a W. M. S. in every church in the Association. This, of course, cannot be done without the cooperation of our entire Association. One of the high lights in the Association is the Young Peoples' Organizations. Some of the churches have more young people enlisted than ever before, in Y. W A.s, G. A.s, R. A.s, and Sunbeam Bands. I feel sure that our Camp at Ridgecrest has helped in this line of the work. We are not doing our best by any means, but since so many are willing and anxious to have a hand in carrying the light of Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth, we are calling on the men and women of our Association to help us, especially the Pastor's and leaders of the churches to help make this the finest, richest year in the history of our work.

We are proud of the 17 W. M. S. Organizations, and the 19 Young People's Organizations, making a total of 36 organizations in our association. Gifts from these amounted to $2,377.74 this year.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GEO. R. GRICE, Supt.

Upon motion to adopt, Moderator recognized Mrs. Grice who introduced and presented Mrs. Waycaster, of Kings Mountain Association, who commented on W. M. U. Work. Mrs. Funderburke, for 13 years a missionary in South China, was introduced to the Association and she gave a forceful and touching message on the Scripture passage, "Ye are My friends if you do whatsoever I command you," and also on the work in China. The report was then duly adopted.

Moderator read appointments of the following Committees:

Place and Preacher for 1935 Session: J. L. Teague, S. M. Stroup and J. W. Hollingsworth.

Time and Place for Spring Session: C. G. Ellis, J. A. Steelman,

and G. C. Hewitt.

Digest of Church Letters: E. F. Sullivan, F. G. Womack, and W. P. Biggerstaff.

Auditing Committee: T. P. Pruitt, L. A. McClure, and H. B. Jones.

He also reminded existing Committee from 1933 Sessions to appoint members of Executive Committee, this committee consisting of W. E. Bost, T. P. Pruitt, and W. C. Laney.

After singing of Hymn "How Firm a Foundation", the annual Associational Sermon was delivered by Rev. W. W. Marr, pastor of West Hickory Church. He read as Scripture lesson from the 13th chapter of Matthews, after which the Association was led in prayer by Rev. L. R. Williams. The sermon was strongly delivered and well prepared and was well received by the Association, the message being inspirational and helpful. Prayer was offered at the end of the sermon by Rev. E. F. Hardin.

The Chair recognized and welcomed several visitors to the Association, among them being Mrs. Funderburke, J. M. Page, who spoke during the morning.

After singing of Hymn "Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed", and closing prayer by Rev. L. R. Williams, Association recessed for lunch which had been prepared by Macedonia Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 1:30 P. M., this September 27th, 1934, the opening song service being led and directed by Rev. S. A. Stroup. After prayer by Rev. S. W. Bennett, the Praise and Worship Service was conducted by Rev. J. L. Teague, pastor of Mountain Grove Church. He read Scripture lesson from the 22nd chapter of Revelation and commented thereon.

After special song, "Back to Bethel", sung by Bro. Powell, of Gaston Association, the Association proceeds with its business.

Further amendment to the Constitution was proposed, the change being to strike out the first line in Section 7 and inserting in lieu thereof the following, "This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the first Sunday in October, at ten A. M." This amendment was duly adopted and ordered written into the Con-

stitution.

Moderator called for Report of Executive Committee and Chairman R. H. Harrill submitted the following:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your reporting member of the Executive Committee feels that no better report from your Committee could be given than to set forth to you a list of Objectives as adopted by the Executive and Promotion Committees in joint session and would recommend the same to the Association and urge every member Church to help the Association attain all twelve of the OBJECTIVES. They are, as follows:

1. Every Church with a Pastor.
2. A revival in each church—at east one each year.
3. Every Church with a Sunday School Enrollment at least as large as the Church membership.
4. Every Church with a B. T. U.
5. Every Church with a W. M. S.
6. Every Church with a representative on the Associational Promotion Committee, with such Committee functioning throughout the year.
7. Every Church contributing to the Co-Operative Program, including both designated and undesignated funds.
8. A club of Charity and Children in every Sunday-School.
9. Every Sunday-School contributing and remitting to the Mills Home once each month.
10. Every Church making a Thanksgiving offering to the Mills Home.
11. Every Church making an offering on Mother's Day for the Hospital at Winston-Salem.
12. Every Church making remittance to the Convention Treasurer at least once each month.

These, each and every one, are worthy aims, each of them is no more than what each church could do and if, and when, they all are reached then this Association would practically be a model Association and one for others to follow.

In reporting the activities and work of the Committee during the past year, we would say that your Committee has tried earnestly to keep the trust imposed upon it by you, to foster and look after the affairs of the Association between annual sessions. Meetings were held as often as was thought necessary. Your Committee heard appeals for help from Churches with the Association and forwarded same to the General Board. Aid was secured for one church within the Association. The scholarship to Baptist school was awarded this year to Miss Speagle of Corinth Church.

Your Committee would, in its third annual report, call the attention of the member churches to the fifth Sunday Union Meetings. These meetings are for the Association, held at various churches and we would urge a larger attendance at these meetings. These meetings have been good but, as yet, a very small percentage of our churches are represented at these quarterly meetings.

Your Committee would further urge a greater interest in the Promotion Committee and its work throughout the Association. First,

let every member Church be sure of its representation on the Promotion Committee by its election or designation, at an early date, of a person to serve on the Committee. Let this person understand that your church looks to him or to her to report the work of the Committee to the church and to foster the work of the Committee in the local church.

Your Committee stands ready, at all times, to be of any service possible to any Church and would appreciate suggestions as to the work to be done within the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. HARRILL, Chairman.

Mr. J. Y. Killian, Treasurer of the Association and Trusteee of the Scholarship Fund, submitted his annual report to the Association, the report being, as follows:

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Receeipts

Interest on Note of Town of Maiden	$ 111 00

Disbursements

Paid to Mars Hill College on Scholarship for Miss Campbell	$ 111.00
Balance Due Mars Hill College on Above Scholarship	$ 39.00

Funds Invested As Follows

Note, Town of Maiden, N. C.	$1,850.00
Note, W. D. Hursey, Claremont, N. C.	500.00
Note, Claremont Hosiery Mills (with personal endorsements)	281.94
Total Invested Funds	$2,631.94

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN, Trustee.

Report of Auditing Committee was made in conjunction with above report, their complete report, which included certain recommendations, being as follows:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have checked the records turned over to us by Bro. J. Y. Killian, Treasurer of this Association, and we find that all funds received by him have been properly disbursed and receipts or vouchers supporting such disbursements are attached to his report.

We find the invested funds of the Association are, as follows:

1. Note of Town of Maiden dated May 1, 1934, for $1,850.00, due May 1, 1935. It bears interest at the rate of 6% and is in due form. We consider this investment safe.

2. A note and mortgage from W. D. Hursey and wife for $500.00, secured by house and lot in Claremont, N. C. Interest on this note was due June 1, 1934, and has been paid in advance by the borrowers. We recommend that our Treasurer secure a new mortgage and note in this case, secure a disinterested appraisal of this property and have the title investigated to determine the validity of our security.

3. A note for $281.94 dated May 9, 1934, due May 9, 1935, with

interest from date at 6%. This note is signed by A. R. Miller, Mrs. J. R. Yount, L. E. Smyre, Mrs. R. H. Arndt, L. H. Phillips, L. M. Smyre and Earl B. Smyre. We recommend that our Treasurer be requested to notify the makers of this note that a renewal of the note will only be granted on condition that they reduce said note to $200.00 and also pay all interest to May 9, 1935. Also that such renewal note be upon demand only.

These recommendations have been submitted to and meet with the approval of the Treasurer. We commend the way in which our Treasurer has handled our funds during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. PRUITT, Chairman
L. A. McCLURE
H. B. JONES, Committee.

The report on Christian Education was next had, Dr. R. K. Redwine, Pastor of Hickory First Church, reading the following:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There are some phases of Christian Education that you hardly expect me to present in this report. We recognize Christian Education in homes, in Sunday Schools, Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Christian Training and Culture for students in other than denominational schools as being no less important than education in our denominational schools and colleges.

You expect me to present those institutions, recognized among Baptists as special agencies that give to our denomination and to the world a cultured Christian leadership. Christian schools are such agencies.

If we are asked to define a Christian denomination, having a definite and positive aim; a school in which the president and members of the faculty are active Christians; a school in which the Bible has a commanding place in the curriculum; a school that is pervaded by a distinct Christian atmosphere.

Such schools do not have to apologize for their existence but on the other hand, their records amply justify all sacrifices that have been made for their support. Our leadership in America in all realms comes from our Christian schools. Eight of our nation's Chief justices were college graduates while 7 out of the 8 were from Christian schools. Eighteen of our nation's Presidents have been college graduates while 16 of the 18 were from Christian Colleges. Eighteen of the 25 Masters of American Letters were college men and 17 of the 18 were from Christian colleges. Two-thirds of the men who have achieved great prominence in our nations congress were graduate from Christian Colleges. Among distinguished men listed in "Who's Who" graduated from Christian colleges are three times as numerous as graduates from large non-Christian schools.

The records of Christian Schools justifies the claim that they give intelectual training inferior to none plus moral and spiritual culture that other schools do not give. The inferiority complex that some people have regarding their denominational schools has no foundation except ignorance of what these schools really are.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST SCHOOLS.—We have our three seminaries and our two training schools for women, with a yearly enrollment of

nearly 900 under 59 regular faculty members, and with property and endowments listed at $6,044,864. We have 29 senior colleges and universities, reporting enrollment in the regular terms of 12,895 students, of which 731 are ministerial students and 114 are are student volunteers for definite life work in the kingdom. We have 21 junior colleges, with total enrollment in the regular school year of 5,004 pupils, of which 205 are ministerial students and 117 are student vounteers. We have 18 academies that enrolled this past year in the regular terms 1,620 students, of whom 123 were studying for the ministry and 53 were student volunteers. The summer schools conducted by most of the above schools add considerably to their total enrollment.

Thse schools report the values of their properties as being $21,-392,069, which is a total of $55,404,155 in money values. Southern Baptists are too wise to junk properties of such values of money, when they know that these very schools are most effective in training the future workers in the kingdom.

Charles D. Johnson, chairman of the Educative Commission, reported to the Convention at Fort Worth that, "the most encouraging fact from the Church Colleges point of view is the increased enrollment. Whereas colleges as a whole in the United States have lost approximately nine per cent according to a national survey which appeared on April 14, our own Baptist colleges and universities have a net gain of eight per cent."

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS SCHOOLS.—We have in our Convention System of Schools in North Carolina three senior colleges and two Junior Colleges. The Senior Colleges are Chowan, Meredith, and Wake Forest. They had last year a total eenrollment in the regular school year of 1513 students. Of this number 86 are students for the ministry and 19 are vounteers for special Christian work. The property and endowment of these schools is listed at $5,451,670.00.

Our junior colleges are Campbell and Mars Hill. Their combined enrollment last year was 985. Their property and endowment is given at $579,270.00.

Boiling Springs and Wingate are junior colleges but not under the control of our convention. They together report 414 pupils enrolled and property and endowment valued at $226,785.00.

Our senior and junior colleges in North Carolina have property and endowment amounting to $6,257,725. There were 2912 students enrolled in the seven schools last year.

Our Baptist schools constitute a rich heritage, one of the greatest assets of our denomination. They offer the greatest educational opportunities to the girls and boys of Baptist homes.

BAPTIST PEOPLE, APPRECIATE YOUR SCHOOLS MORE. SUPPORT THEM MORE LOYALLY. PATRONIZE THEM UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD K. REDWINE.

Upon motion to adopt, Dr. Redwine emphasized his appeal for support and loyalty to our schools. Baptist schools of the State were represented at the Association by Dr. Sams, of Mars Hill College, who spoke on Christian Education and then presented two students in Mars Hill from this Association, Miss Maude Speagle and Glenn

Bost, a ministerial student, who told of school life at Mars Hill. The report was then duly adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief and Annuities was next presented to the Association, Mr. J. W. Hollingsworth of Newton First Church, reading the following:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

One of the problems claiming our sympathetic attention is the question of ministerial relief. How shall we provide for our old and disabled preachers? Many of these men have worn their lives out in the service of the Master. At the same time they have not been able to provide for old age. Inadequate salaries and heavy calls upon them have left them almost at the mercy of the world. The preacher's calling forbids the accumulation of a competency for old age even while in his prime and at his best, by inadequate salaries; because of a public sentiment which effectually discredits a preacher who turns aside to the business of money-making; and because such a course on his part would set aside the divine plan for his support as taught by Paul and practiced by his Master.

In urging the support of our aged and infirm Veterans of the Cross, let it ever be understood by our laymen that they are not bestowing a charity but are simply discharging an obligation for long due service rendered.

There is a double plan under which the Board operated. The first is called the RELIEF PLAN. Under this plan, all faithful and worthy preachers who are laid aside by age, and also their widows, without cost to them are aided by the Board to the extent of its ability. The money for this purpose comes mainly from an allotment of all funds contributed by the churches through the cooperatve Program. This amount is supplemented in a measure by the interest from its Relief Endowment.

Under the second plan called the ANNUITY PLAN, the beneficiaries or their churches have to contribute a small amount annually while in active service, and thus create a sort of a pension fund for themselves. It requires that the pastor shall set aside two and one half per cent of his monthly salary adding fifteen per cent of his cash salary for parsonage if furnished freely, and forward it to the Annuity Board. Also that the church raise eight per cent of the salary paid plus fifteen per cent of such salary paid for parsonage furnished. In this way the pastor pays eleven per cent of every dollar thus set aside for himself, the church thirty-five cents, and the Board commits itself to pay fifty-four cents.

On October 1, 1933, we had a roll of 56 men and 52 widows, a total of 108 who were receiving aid in North Carolina with 24 on the waiting list. The allocations quarterly for men is $15.65 for widows $14.90. Figured out this would show a daily allottment of 17 cents for men and 16 cents for women.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. HOLLINGSWORTH

Mr. Hollingsworth speaks to his report, after which the same was duly adopted.

Moderator then called for the report on Hospitals, which was given by Mrs. J. W. Hoover, of Leonard's Fork Church, the appointed writer, the report being, as follows:

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

The Baptist Hospital was incorporated in 1922 and received its first patient May 28, 1923—11 years ago.

The Baptist Hospital was started from funds provided out of the $75,000,000 campaign and was established for the purpose of providing hospital treatment for the sick of the entire state, and particularly those who can not pay for treatment in a hospital and further, that our own Baptist people might have a hospital under Christian auspices and influence where they may go and feel at home.

The main Hospital is a five-story, fire-proof building with basement, located on a beautiful elevation in the western part of Winston-Salem. It has a capacity of 108 beds and is equipped with every modern convenience for the best possible care and treatment of the sick.

The Hospital has a staff of 60 Medical and Surgical Doctors. A specialist for your particular case is at the call of the Hospital any minute, day or night. These Doctors are of the best of the country and are giving much of their time and service to our Hospital—in many cases without money and without price. There are 40 nurses at the service of the patients day and night. These are well trained, well organized and go about their tasks with cheerfulness, kindness and consideration of the sick. All of these, Superintendent, Doctors, Nurses, and Office force compose one big family, who work together for one big purpose—the comfort and cure of the patients.

From January 1, 1934, to June 30, 1934—Six Months.

Patients Entered Hospital	1,472
Full Pay Patients	981
Part Pay Patients	355
Free Patients	156
Patient Days	12,204
Free Patients Days	3,669
Cost of Free Patients for Six Months	$14,676.00
Average Number Patients Per Day	67
Average Number Charity Per Day	22
Mother's Day Offering	$13,057.97
Number Patients Entered Since Opening of Hospital, May 28, 1923, to August 15, 1934	24,860
Churches Contributing Through Mother's Day Offering	260
South Fork Association gave	$ 252.40

The Hospital is now running 33 1-3% above last year in patients. They receive one charity patient every hour in the day. More than 3,000 patients will enter the hospital this year. 1,200 to 1,500 of these will be charity.

The program of Jesus includes the care of the sick. The bodily healing of the sick occupied a large place in the ministry of Jesus. See Matthew 4:23; 8:16; Luke 9:11. In his description of the great judgment he showed the place that such care is to have in the lives of

his followers. Matthews 24:36-40.

We recommend that we take Mother's Day offerings in all our churches, that we urge our people to carry their pay patients there when possible. Pray for the management of the hospital. Talk about it in our churches and Sunday Schools, and in every way encourage our people to support our Hospital dedicated to the relieving of the sick and suffering.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JOHN W. HOOVER.

Moderator recognized Mrs. Hoover to speak to the report, who gives her time to Associational Representative, Mrs. J. W. Bowles who urges support of the Hospital by the churches of the Association. She then introduces to the Association the new Superintendent of the Hospital at Winston Salem, Brother Hagamon, who told of the Hospital and its work, after which the report was adopted.

Reports were received from several Committees which had been appointed and were ready to report, they being as follows:

Committee to nominate members on Executive Committee report and recommended E. F. Sullivan, C. W. Ervin and T. H. Caldwell for election for regular term of three years and R. S. Bolick to fill unexpired term of R. L. Bolick. The report was duly adopted and those named therein were elected to the Executive Committee.

Committee on Time and Place for Spring Session of Association reported and recommended that this Association hold its Spring Extraordinary Session with Maiden First Church on Easter Monday. Report was adopted, and time and place of Spring Session was thus fixed.

Moderator Hatfield appointed Pastors E. F. Sullivan, W. P. Biggerstaff, W. E. Bost, R. K. Redwine, and W. C. Laney, as a Nominating Committee, to nominate officers of the Association for the ensuing year.

The Program Committee had designated the last period of the day as Closing Meditation with Rev. Chas. G. Ellis, Pastor of Maiden First Church in charge thereof. Rev. Ellis leaves very pleasing thoughts in minds of all as they leave for home after the first day's session, with a very beautiful talk.

The Association then adjourned for the day with singing of hymn "Saviour, Let Me Walk With Thee", and adjourning prayer was offered by Rev. S. W. Bennett.

EVENING SESSION

The Association reconvened at 7:15 P. M., and sang as opening hymn, "Revive Us Again", opening prayer was offered by J. O. Allen, of Lincolnton First Church. Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff, of River View Church, conducted the evening worship period and read from the 6th chapter of John, commenting on the feeding of the five thousand. Prayer, after devotional message, was offered by W. E. Garrison, of Lincolnton First.

Report of B. T. U. (B. Y. P U.) was submitted to the Association by Miss Donnie Hudson, of Hickory First, in absence of appointed writer, she reading the following:

B. T. U. (B. Y. P. U.) REPORT

A study of the history of the B. Y. P. U. convinces us that it had its beginning in the mind of God. It came into being to meet the need of the young Christians for spiritual growth and the need of the churches for consecrated, useful leaders and members. There are four outstanding factors which have promoted the marvelous growth of the work.

First,—Leadership. Outstanding leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention launched the movement. Later the Sunday School Board joined hands with the leadership of State Mission Boards through B. Y. P. U. Secretaries.

Second—Loyalty to Sound Principles. It is and has been strictly a church and denominational organization for training young and untrained church members in the duties of church membership. It ministers to a limited constitutency mainly—those who are church members.

Third—Better Methods. Southern B. Y. P. U. Leaders have developed effective methods for training young Christians in church membership. These methods have been characterized by the group and committee plan of organization, which make it possible to train each individual rather than only the more gifted members. The Standard of Excellence is a program of study and activity which serves as a guide in reaching the great goal of Christian Efficiency. It prevents a union from wandering into a maze of useless activities and keeps the department on the main track in training and enlisting for church service. In addition, the General Organization presents a church plan for supervision and leadership and each B. Y. P. U. Department should link its work closely with all church activities and support the local church.

Fourth—Good Literature. In our B. Y. P. U. curriculum we have thirty-two suggsted study course books. These books are on methods, church activities, soul winning, the Bible, doctrine, stewardship, missions, and all phases of denominational life. The literature provided by the Sunday School Board is educational because the topics are written with a view of meeting the needs in the lives of the young people. In addition to this a daily Bible Reader's Course is outlined to aid our young people in a fuller appreciation of the Bible.

We have looked in a general way at our work. More closely we look into the work in our own state. The General Board of the Baptist State Convention in co-operation with the Sunday School Board at

Nashville, Tennessee, fosters the training work in our state. Miss Winnie Rickett is State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, and Miss Mabel Starnes is Field Worker. These workers conduct training schools, attend associational conventions, district rallies and regional conference in city, town and rural churches.

In North Carolina, we have 2,410 B. Y. P. U.'s. There are 652 Junior; 606 Intermediate; 976 Senior; 175 Adult; and 440 General Organizations.

There are 68 Associations in which there are 64 organizations.

In this Association there are 41 churches and 61 B. Y. P. U.'s. We urgently request leaders and pastors to make every effort to organize the young people in the churches without unions and strive to reach the hundreds of untrained church members and train them for intelligent participation in the work of the local church and the full program of the denomination.

DONNIE HUDSON

Upon motion to adopt, Miss Hudson in commenting on the report, urged all churches to have at least one organization of the B. T. U. Mr. Garrison, Associational President of the B. T. U., also commented on the report, he tracing growth of the B. Y. P. U. from its beginning in 1893, he showing that the work had grown to a present number of 31,624 Unions with a total enrollment of 618,283, a gain having been made, last year alone, of 34,141 members. He stated that this Association had organizations in 13 churches with a membership of 1,121, but had lost 109 in membership during the year. The report was then duly adopted.

Moderator called for report on Sunday Schools, and G. C. Hewitt, of Newton First Church, and Associational Sunday School Superintendent, read the following:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday Schools in Baptist Churches today "live and move and have their being" in the churches. They are in the churches, of the churches, and for the churches. This has not always been the case. In the beginning the Sunday Schools was a separate, independent body without any connection whatever with the churches. The Churches were slow to see the need for Sunday Schools, and for a long time hesitated to give them a place among the regular church activities. The Sunday School had to make a long, laborious and tiresome climb in order to secure its place as a church activity, and even now, in many churches, it is merely tolerated, and only in a few is it properly evaluated and allowed to function to its fullest capacity.

The "good old fashioned Sunday Schools", in which many of us were brought up, where the Sunday School met en masse with the Superintendent occupying the center of the stage, had its good points and multitudes of people have been blest by these schools. However, the day of that type of Sunday School has gone forever.

Even in the remotest rural communities the Sunday Schools of today are graded; the graded lessons are used in lower grades; the

officers and teachers are being trained; and modern equipment with separate department rooms is rapidly supplementing the old one-room building.

Today we understand that the Sunday School exists for the purpose of meeting the spiritual needs of the pupil. The teacher is the key to the fountain of knowledge, and the instructions of the pupil in the truths of the Bible is regarded as the main thing in the Sunday School Lesson.

The Sunday School organization provided a place of useful service for the best and most influential adults and the brightest and most vigorous young people in our churches. It also offers an unexcelled opportunity for men and women and young peple as well as children to study the word of God.

The Sunday Schools furnished one of the most helpful departments of our church work.

Sunday School Statistics of the South Fork Baptist Association Sunday School enrollment 1931 was 7,047. Sunday School enrollment 1933 was 7,974, making a total gain of 927, this shows that we are still going forward, but there is plenty of work to be done, during our Sunday School Revival and Enlargement Campaign of the Summer 1933 there was found in 21 communities through our association of which these revivals was held, 10,235 possibilities for our Sunday Schools and 2,963 unsaved people above the Primary Department.

During the year ahead we must not cease our activities in the Sunday School field, there is plenty of work to do; the fields are white. The crying need is for every child of God to be enlisted in unselfish, definite service, doing the things that Christ did when he was on earth and which he enjoined upon us to do.

Respectfully submitted,
G. C. HEWITT

This report was talked on by Bro. Hewitt and also Rev. E. F. Sullivan, it being brought out during these comments that there is a new course of training, of 16 books, being offered for teacher training, and all churches are asked to give this matter their consideration in future plans for Sunday School Study Courses. The report was duly adopted.

The Association pauses to rest and sings the hymn, "I Love To Tell The Story", after which Rev. E. F. Hardin, pastor of Lincolnton First Church, was presented to the Association to speak on the subject, "The Baptist Position." Mr. Hardin delivered a forceful message on this subject, one worthy of complete reproduction, if space permitted A brief outline is herewith given. He stated that one evening was much too short to give the subject full justice, and made several statements about Baptists, as follows: (a) Name was given by enemies, but Baptists now proud of same; (b) Baptists were not always called such, but doctrine is the same; (c) Baptists are not Protestants (technically); (d) Baptists have been persecuted, but have never

persecuted others. In giving specific tenets of Baptists, he gave the following: One God; God's Word is inspired; God's Word is infallible; Jesus: His Incarnation, His death, Atonement, His Lordship; Man, in likeness of God, born sinless but with inherent sinful nature; Salvation, Not saved through heredity, works nor baptism, but through repentance and faith; Church, founded by Jesus, holds to congregational government; Ordinances, two in number, Baptism and Lord's Supper; Discipline; Perpetuity of Church. He stated again that this list was not complete through lack of time.

The Association recessed for the evening, and sang in closing a hymn and was adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. L. Martin of Penelope Church.

SECOND DAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1934

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 9:30 A. M., on September 28th, 1934, in its second and last day of the 1934 session. Song service was again conducted by Rev. S. A. Stroup and opening prayer was led by Rev. Paul K. Drum, of Kid's Chapel church. The morning Praise and Worship service was conducted by Rev. T. H. Roach, of Faith and Mount Zion Churches, who read from the 5th chapter of 2nd Corinthians, in which His people are called Ambassadors. Prayer was then offered by Brother Ballard.

Rev. Calloway, minister with membership with Olivet Church, was recognized by Moderator and introduced to the Association.

The Annual Obituary Service was in charge of Rev. L. R. Williams, of East Maiden and Southside Churches, in absence from Association of Rev. M. P. Rhyne, he reading the list of the deceased from this Association during the past year, as follows:

LIST OF DECEASED
FROM

BROOKFORD
Miss Elsie Reinhardt
Mrs. Arthur Inscore

CATAWBA
Miss Sarah Ann Danner
Mr. Cletus Elmore

CEDAR GROVE
M. L. Buchanan (Pastor)

CORINTH
Mr. W. P. Rhoney
Mr. Thomas Speagle
Mr. John Mitchem

DENVER
Mrs. Sarah Ballard
Mrs. Mary Shelton

FAITH
Mr. Loyd Sigmon
Mrs. Davis

GAINSVILLE
Mr. John Williams

HICKORY FIRST
Mr. Gerald Deitz
Miss Helen Whitener
Mrs. D. M. McComb
Mr. H. M. Frye

WEST HICKORY
Mr. Z. O. Lail
Mrs. W. T. Marshall

HIGHLAND
Mrs. Sarah Lee
Mrs. L. W. Christopher
Mr. W. A. McCurry
Mr. Chas. E. Ferree

LAWINGS' CHAPEL
Mr. Samuel Bandy

LEONARD'S FORK
Mrs. W. H. Hoover
Mrs. Ella Canipe
Mr. T. J. Hoover (Deacon)

LINCOLN AVENUE
Mrs. Susan Gilbert
Mr. D. S. Withers

MACEDONIA
Mrs. S. L. Bollinger

MAIDEN FIRST
M. L. Buchanan (Pastor)
Mrs. D. M. Sigmon

MOUNT RUHAMA
Miss Mary Taylor
Mrs. Martha Caldwell
Mr. M. L. Colman

MOUNT ZION
Mr. Will S. Stroup
Miss Lizzie Nantz
Mrs. Nannie Cloninger
Mr. Claud Abernethy

MOUNTAIN GROVE
Mrs. M. E. Whitener

NEWTON FIRST
Mrs. G. L. Gregg
Mr. I. S. Wallace
Mrs. Mattie Witherspoon

NORTH NEWTON
Mrs. Emma Whitworth

OLIVET
Mrs Katie Bynum
Mr. W. L. Saunders
Mr. J. H. Lytton
Mr. Dock Cline

PENELOPE
Mr. Charlie Christopher
Mrs. Nellie Spencer

PROVIDENCE
Mr. John Herman
Mr. J. A. Johnson

RIVER VIEW
Mr. Walter Campbell

SALEM
Mr. Sherman Stafford

SHARON
Mrs. Mary Ann Carpenter

SOUTHSIDE
Mr. Grady Rash

He paid tribute to the dead and made special mention of Osborne Browne, of Statesville, not a member of this Association at time of his death, but for 16 years was Moderator of this Association. Special mention was also made of Rev. M. L. Buchanan, a pastor of the Association, who died during the year. Rev. Williams called attention to several verses of Scripture offering consolation: Rev. 14:13; Phil. 1:21; 1st Thess. 4:14-to end of chapter. The Association then stood while singing the hymn, "There Is A Land That Is Fairer Than Day", after which Rev. Paul K. Drum led special prayer. The report on Obituaries was then duly adopted.

The regular printed program was changed at this time, pending arrival of General Secretary of the State Convention, and Association received the report on Temperance, Rev. E. F. Sullivan, of Highland Church, reading the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Baptists along with Methodists have been pioneer leaders in the temperance movement of the South. The Baptist Church Covenant has pledged us against the manufacture and use of alcohol. No one will ever be able to measure the good done by our Sunday Schools and public schools in teaching the evil effects of alcohol.

During the fight to establish National Prohibition, Baptist Preachers, Baptist Laymen, and especially Baptist women strove unrelentingly against intemperance, as the most terrible of all scourges.

During the recent months preceding the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, the wets, using the financial depression and party loyalty as a smoke screen, swept the nation with tide after tide of wet propaganda carrying thousands of good men off their feet. State after state had fallen until thirty-one states had gone down in defeat. Then glorious old North Carolina, the great Baptist State, with her back to the wall, rolled back this enemy of homes with the most crushing defeat ever delivered against liquor since the dawn of time. The vote stood 300,000 drys to 115,000 wets.

Now for some months we have been camping on the field of Victory. It is high time for us to let the in-coming general assembly know the full significance of the election last November. All our politicians should be made to know that North Carolina will never go back in the wet column.

We Baptists must preach, teach, and practice total abstinence till our children and neighbors realize that we are everlastingly against alcohol, whether in the form of wine, beer, or so-called hard liquors. At the same time we should do all in our power to eradicate boot-legging from our fair domain.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. E. F. SULLIVAN.

After motion to adopt, and while speaking to the report, Rev. Sullivan stated that North Carolina stands first in many things and first in fight against liquor, and that a hard fight is just ahead, with

surrounding States having already legalized liquor. His admonition to his listeners was that it was our present obligation to teach temperance and oppose any proposed legislation to lower the present standard. He branded the statement that North Carolina is one of the wettest states, as false and prophesied that national prohibition will return. He urged all people to get enthused in the fight against liquor and acquire a hate for alcohol to the end that the bootlegger may be driven out and sale of liquor stopped.

Moderator recognized Mr. G. C. Page, of United Dry Forces, to speak to the report, and Mr. Page outlined the program of the Dry Forces in fighting the liquor evil. The report was then duly adopted.

Moderator then called for report on State Missions, Rev. S. A. Stroup, of Catawba and Olivet Churches, reading the following:

STATE MISSIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

For one hundred years the objective of State Missions has been to win the people of North Carolina to Christ and then to the Fellowship which the Churches provide. In more recent years another objective has been to train and develop these who come into our Churches. With these purposes dominant State Missions embraces the following activities.

1. Missionary Pastoral Assistance. At present about 130 Churches are aided.

2. Student Work. Churches in educational centers are aided in order that they may properly minister to students away from home and the home church.

3. Sunday School and a B. Y. P. U. Departments are maintained, through these agencies the church membership is taught and stimulated.

4. Church Building. At the present time, in the face of a serious shortage of funds, several churches, three of them in educational centers, are being aided in the erection of a Plant.

5. Oteen Hospital. For some years past the Board has made it possible for Rev. Wane Williams to minister to the sick veterans in the Government Hospital at Oteeen, N. C.

6. Indians and Negroes. Since the Home Board has been compelled to use a large portion of its funds for debt service, the State Mission Board has assumed the responsibility in giving the Gospel to the Indians in our midst, in Robeson and Swain counties. Work was begun some years ago among the Negroes on a very limited scale. Necessarily we were forced to discontinue it.

In a very vital sense Foreign and Home Missions as well as all other objects wait upon an aggressive program of State Missions. Let us therefore maintain an aggressive program of State Missions and in so doing we will not only win North Carolina but the World.

S. A. STROUP.

Rev. Stroup commented on his report and mentioned the various opportunities of State Missions if funds were available. Adoption of

the report was deferred, pending talk by M. A. Huggins on the three Mission Reports.

Report on Home Missions was submitted by Rev. S. M. Stroup, of Sharon Church, who read the following:

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board would invite Southern Baptists to rethink Home Missions and to make a new appraisal of Home Missions work in the light of present-day world movements.

The old frontiers of Home Missions have passed and new frontiers have taken their place. The old way of transportation no longer registered the drift of population to the West. The geographical frontiers have given place to the social, racial, and economic frontiers and the wide expanse of the prairies of the West as mission fields have been replaced by industrial centers and rapdly growing cities. The "man who does not have a chance" in the homeland today is not on the far-flung horizontal-line, but in the congested sections of our cities; and these cities are more and more becoming pagan in their thought and life. The Indians, the Foreigners, the Jews, the deaf mutes, the under-privileged, the mountaineers, and the Negroes are our field, and they are in large numbers in our Home Mission territory.

Home Mission Fields therefore, cannot be defined simply by geographical bounds; they must be defined in terms of soul-values as well. The problem of races in the homeland is a cross-section of the world-field. It is Foreign Missions at home. Our people face a changing order. Great social and moral issues are rapidly shaping themselves within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. The supreme challenge of the hour is to make the homeland Christian.

Here in the homeland, as elsewhere in the world, forces are at work to change our social, economic, cultural and religious life for generations to come. Vast changes are taking place. A new world is being created right in our midst. The forces at work are strong and mighty. There is the modern-world spirit, the passion for possession, the conflict between labor and capital, and racial antagonisms. We cannot meet these mighty opponents of the Cross of Christ in isolated groups. We must bring the impact of the whole denomination to bear upon the task of creating a Christ-like social order.

The outlook for the Home Mission Board is brighter now than it has been since 1928. This is because of the confidence which the brethren throughout the territory of the Convention evidence in this Board, and because of the belief that the Home Board will continue to do valuable mission work.

There is not a year since 1928 that the Board has not lived within its income and paid something on the principal of its debts. That part of the work which has to do directly and specifically with the making and baptizing of disciples, has beenmaintained and, in fact, increased.

The Board this year, through the magnificent offering of the women in the Annie W. Armstrong Week of Prayer, will put a number of new missionaries in the field. The Board has in all departments and fields of its work, ovr two hundred missionaries and workers. It is maintaining in all over 400 mission stations and preaching places; it is operating in whole or in part five good-will centers, two rescue missions, and a Seamen's Institute; has fifteen schools operated by its missionaries, and is furnishing the property of eight Mountain Schools free of charge

to local Board of Trustees for the operation of schools in the mountains; it is operating a Tubercular Sanatorium; and has a Building and Loan Department with over a million dollars loaned to churches.

The Challenge of Home Missions is a call to emulate the spirit of Christ who died for the whole human race and who has commissioned us to preach the Gospel both at home and abroad. God's Kingdom must come here if it would come in the world. May we be wise in meeting the mission tasks in the homeland.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. S. M.STROUP.

Upon recognition to speak to the report, Rev. Stroup stated that N. C. Baptists should be grateful for the work that had been done by our Home Mission Board and further stated that there was now a clear call to Southern Baptists to do more through this Board. Adoption of this report was deferred, pending further comments by General Secretary Huggins.

Report on Foreign Missions was next called for, Rev. S. W. Bennett, of Leonard's Fork Church, submitted the following:

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS 1934

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Even during the dark months of the depression there were a few friends of God in the South who actively believed this promise from the Word of God. They kept their eyes stayed on Christ, their hearts full of faith and marched forward unafraid of the depression and undaunted by besetting difficulties. While it was yet midnight dark, they claimed victory through their faith in Christ. Today bugle notes of victory are already sounded around the world. Forward is the clarion call. A new day has dawned for Foreign Missions.

Financially speaking, the Foreign Mission Board has stayed within its budget. This is the firm resolve for all the future. The debts have been reduced in a great way during the past few months. Since January 1, 1933, the Foreign Mission Board has paid more than $86,000 for interest and $125,000 on the principal of the debts, thus bringing the debt down from $1,115,000 to $990,000 in sixteen months. The Board is indeed grateful to Baptists everywhere for their part in helping to wipe out the debt.

The percentage of increase in budget receipts for the first four months of 1934 over the same period of 1933 is $25.49%. The increase in cooperative program receipts for the same period is $26,500. The increase in designated gifts is $28,000. And the gross increase for the same period is $94,000. The increase in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to foreign missions for 1934 over the offering for 1933, is $46,000. From the Hundred Thousand Club the Foreign Mission oBard has received $32,000 to date. All of this was spent on the debt.

Because Woman's Missionary Union exceeded her goal by $46,000, and because of special gifts from friends and churches, the Board was able to dedicate fifteen new missionaries at the Southern Baptist Convention in May. All of these go out to replace fallen heroes of the Cross. May other gaps soon be filled!

Faithfully, loyally the missionaries at home on furlough are giving their services free throughout the eight districts of the South. They

are ever ready to direct schools of missions, teach classes, speak, or do anything to promote keener missionary spirit among any Baptist group.

From the fields of the fourteen countries where Southern Baptist proclaim the Gospel, there comes news that thrills the soul. A spirit of revival is sweeping the fields. Turning from old things that do not satisfy multitudes are seeking Salvation, and the missionaries are over-worked, but rejoice in it all. More churches are becoming self-supporting. Many are catching the missionary vision themselves and seeking to have a part, also, in evangelizing the world. Last year the 191,073 Baptists on the several fields gave $349,092.03 unto the Lord, while 4,066,140 Southern Baptists in the homeland gave only $4,941,011 to missions and benevolences in 1932.

But for all this work in these 14 countries Southern Baptists have only 394 missionaries. Seven years ago there were 514. The figures themselves tell a story of closed hospitals and schools, abandoned stations and forsaken native workers, over-worked missionaries and lost opportunities. But the days of retreat have passed. The foreign work is facing forward and onward. Already great victories for Christ are being won.

Respectfully submitted,
S. W. BENNETT.

Upon being recognized to speak to his report, Rev. Bennett who told the members of the Association that if they were not supporting Foreign Missions as they should, that all should examine themselves to ascertain the trouble.

The writer of this report, like the writers of the other Mission Reports, yielded his further time to General Secretary M. A. Huggins, who was presented to the Association by Rev. E. F. Sullivan, and addressed the Association on the general subject of the three Mission Reports and of the work of the North Carolina State Convention.

Mr. Huggins brought an encouraging word concerning general uplift and bettered conditions in Christian work throughout the State. He brought the report that the State Mission work would be out of debt this year. From prepared chart he traced all Christian work that grows out of the local church through various Boards and gave statistical information of the work being done. He went into detail of all work done by the machinery of organized Baptists, which is done through the State and Southern Baptist Conventions and reminded the people that all are a part of these mighty agencies and that a loss of one member would be felt.

After address of Secretary Huggins, the three Mission Reports were adopted.

After singing of hymn by congregation and prayer, which was led by Rev. T. H. Roach, the Association recessed for lunch, which

had been prepared by ladies of the Community and was spread, picnic style, on the church grounds.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened in its final meeting of the 1934 session at 1:30 P. M., September 28, with song service being conducted by Rev. S. A. Stroup. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Early, visiting minister from Caldwell Association. The Praise and Worship service was conducted by Rev. W. E. Bost, pastor of Corinth and Providence churches, who read Luke, 18:16 and commented on the thought, "Heed and hear the entire message of Christ and go forward in His name and business."

Committee on Place and Preacher reported at this time and recommended that the Association meet with Providence Church, to be assisted by Corinth Church, in its 1935 session and that Rev. T. H. Roach preach the annual sermon, with Rev. G. C. Ellis as his alternate. Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the report was accepted, thus fixing the place of the next annual meeting.

Standing Committee of the Association was appointed by Moderator, he appointed W. W. Marr, W. C. Laney (of Maiden) and J. R. Cantrell, as Committee to nominate, at next annual session, members to fill vacancies on Executive Committee.

Public expression of thanks was made to Miss Stella Coulter, pianist of Catawba church, for her work and services during the present session of the Association. Moderator recognized Bro. J. F. Click, of Hickory First Church, and presented him to the Association, as being a charter member of the Association, and for a number of years the very able Clerk of the Association. Thanks of the Association were also extended to the members of Macedonia Church who assisted in the registration of messengers and visitors, the registration appearing to be as complete as ever before obtained.

The History of Macedonia Church, host to this Association, was given by Rev. L. A. McClure, son of W. B. McClure, who for about 30 years, was pastor of this Church. (Note by Clerk: History of this Church, prepared and read at the Association, was too lengthy for complete publication and condensed report is herewith given):

HISTORY OF MACEDONIA CHURCH

Macedonia Church, Lincoln County, was first organized, and was

received into the Catawba River Association, in the year 1834, with an original membership of 25. The Church first held its meetings in the home of Randolph Barnett, a charter member, and it was he, with a few associates, built the first house of worship on a small tract of land which was given by Gen. Joseph Graham. Incidentally deed for the land was lost and the tract of land was acquired by Mr. H. P. Killian. On of the first preachers of the section was Jeptha Clark, who was ordained about the time the Church was organized and preached at Macedonia, Mt. Ruhama, Thessalonica, Lebanon, New Bethany, and other churches in eastern Lincoln and Catawba Counties.

The Church was dissolved in the year 1852 but was re-organized in the year 1869 or 1870, in the community school house, with membership of 34. Both Methodists and Baptists worshiped in the school house and preachers of the two faiths spent most of their time replying to each other at their alternate services on doctrinal points. The school house was closed, first to the Baptists and later to the Methodists. The Baptists built their own house of worship a short distance from the school house.

In the year 1878, Macedonia with a number of other churches in Lincoln and Catawba Counties met at Kiddsville Baptist Church and organized the South Fork Baptist Association. In the year 1884, under the leadership of Elder J. A. Hoyle, a new house of worship was built on the Sherrill's Ford Road, about nine miles from Lincolnton. The record of Elder Hoyle's work disclosed 150 baptisms in three years. The church records, for a number of years about this time, were lost and exact information cannot be given. Several ministers, among them being W. W. Rimmer, J. F. Morris, and W. B. McClure, served the church at about this time. In 1920-21, preparations began to be made to build a new church house. This was made possible by aid of and cooperation of the church, and the amount the church received from the estate of the late Henry Loftin. In 1924, the new brick church was dedicated by its pastor, Elder W. B. McClure. The South Fork Association met again with Macedonia Church in 1926, and the church at that time, reported a membership of about 200.

Respectfully submitted,
S. L. BOLLINGER,
W. A. POTTS.

Another Standing Committee of the Association was appointed by the Moderator, he appointing Pastors W. E. Bost, F. G. Womack and L. R. Williams, to prepare program for next annual session.

Moderator Hatfield made the following assignments of subjects for next annual session, by naming writers for the several subjects, as follows:

Religious Literature	Rev. L. A. McClure
State Missions	Rev. Chas. G. Ellis
Home Missions	Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff
Foreign Missions	Rev. Fred G. Womack
Christian Education	Rev. E. F. Sullivan
Temperance and Public Morals	Dr. R. K. Redwine
Mills Home	Rev. H. B. Jones
Obituaries	Rev. J. L. Teague
W. M. U.	Mrs. E. F. Sullivan
Ministerial Relief and Annuities	R. S. Bolick

Baptist Hospital	Rev. S. A. Stroup
Bible Schools	Rev. E. F. Hardin
Baptist Training Union (B. Y. P. U.)	W. E. Garrison

The following Resolution, as introduced by Rev. E. F. Sullivan, was duly and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, THAT since Brother Osborne Brown, of Statesville, passed to his reward since the last meeting of our Association, we place in our Minutes our deep and heartfelt appreciation of this truly great man of God, who so faithfully led this Association, as Moderator, for sixteen years.

The duly appointed Committee on Digest of Church Letters, made report to the Association and gave the following facts and statistics as to the year's work: Baptisms this year, 418. Total church membership, 6,997, an increase of 308 over last year. Total S. S. Membership, 7,938, a loss of 36 over last year. Fourteen churches have B. T. U., with an enrolment of 1,186. Seventeen churches report a W. M. U., with an enrollment of 935. Total gifts of all churches to local work, $41,201.52 and total gifts to all Missions and Benevolences of $7,922.94, making a grand total for all objects $49,124.46. Nine churches have preaching every Sunday, 20 churches twice a month and 11 churches once a month. Four churches reported no baptisms, while five churches gave nothing to Missions. A general improvement is reported in Baptisms and gifts.

An important feature of the annual sessions have been the one minute report from each church, an appointed speaker commenting on the most important proceeding, or event, or general work of the church during the year. As roll of churches was called, the speaker, as set opposite the names of the following churches, gave report from their respective church:

Brookford	Vashti Fagan	Lincolnton First	L. V. Padgett
Catawba	Eunice Trollinger	Macedonia	W. A. Potts
Center View	W. W. Laney	East Maiden	R. B. Cook
Faith	P. L. Sigmon	Maiden First	C. G. Ellis
Goodsonville	C. W. DeVine	Mountain View	W. E. Ballard
Hickory First	R. M. Perry	Newton First	J. R. Cantrell
Highland	C. A. Newton	Penelope	Roy Martin
Kid's Chapel	P. K. Drum	Providence	M. S. Brittain
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry	River View	W. P. Biggerstaff
Leonard's Fork	S. W. Bennett	Southside	L. R. Williams
Lincoln Ave.	Mrs. E. M. Hallman		

Moderator Hatfield called Rev. T. H. Roach to take chair to receive report of Nominating Committee, and the following report

was read:

We hereby nominate the following named persons to the office as set opposite their name, to serve the Association during the ensuing term:

Moderator	L. L. Hatfield
Vice-Moderator	J. R. Cantrell
Clerk	R. H. Harrill
Treasurer	J. Y. Killian
Supt. Sunday School Convention	G. C. Hewitt
Chairman of Promotion Committee	E. F. Sullivan
Supt. B. T. U.	W. E. Garrison
Supt. W. M. S.	Mrs Geo. R. Grice
Representatives:	
Mills Home	T. P. Pruitt
Hospital	Mrs. J. W. Bowles

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN,
W. E. BOST,
W. C. LANEY,
W. P. BIGGERSTAFF,
R. K. REDWINE, Committee.

Mr. Harrill stated that he wished his name withdrawn from the list of officers and he did not desire to serve, and the officers with exception, as noted, were duly elected. Acting Moderator Roach called for nominations for office of Clerk and M. S. Brittain was duly nominated and elected Clerk of the Asosciation for the ensuing year.

Moderator Hatfield again takes chair and thanks Association for his election and states that he is the servant of the Association and willing to serve in any way possible.

The report on Mills Home was called for and L. V. Padgett, of Lincolnton First Church, read the following:

REPORT ON MILLS HOME

The Mills Home at Thomasville is the home base of our Orphanage work in North Carolina. Kennedy home near Kinston has been in operation since 1914. Mother's Aid since 1921 as Aids to Mills Home.

Mills Home has the responsibility of taking care of and giving every need of life to our orphans and otherwise unfortunate children.

This it does in a wonderful way, through the cooperation of our Sunday Schools and churches in North Carolina, with the General Superintendent and other officials of the home. All of the applicants to the home cannot be received.

They receive from 50 to 100 applications a month. Most of them are turned away for lack of room. The present policy is that no child be received without careful investigation.

Children are received between the ages of two and 12 and dismissed according to preparation rather than age.

Dcember 31, 1933, there was at Mills Home 491 and at Kennedy

Home 136, totaling 627 children being cared for.

The auditor's report shows the cost per child per month has been reduced from $20.25 in 1932 to $16.29 in 1933.

General Superintendent I. G. Greer with nine other officials have general oversight of the physical needs of the children and the home.

The work is thoroughly departmentalized with a specialist in his line at the head of each department.

The school report shows a fine year's work with 488 boys and girls in school with 16 teachers.

Charity and Children as its organ is the right arm of the institution and is serving it well in keeping the dependent child before the Baptist people of our state.

The infirmary report shows splendid health record. Not a death during the year. This shows splendid cooperation of matrons, nurses, and management of Mills Home.

The report of the church shows that the work is going forward with great earnestness, in spite of the fact they have no regular pastor at present.

The auditor's report shows that the Sunday School and other organizations of the state made contributions amounting to $94,723.36.

Perhaps no other organization in all the world is so bound up with the Sunday Schools as ours. Almost from the beginning our chief support has come from the once a month collection frm the Sunday School. Out of 2,374 Sunday Schools less than 600 contributed at all regularly. If every Sunday School in the state would take the once a month collection it would save the financial problems. The collection, no matter how small, should be sent in promptly to the Treasurer, R. D. Covington.

The Sunday Schools of South Fork Association have written their records for last year. Out of Sunday Schools in our Association nine are on what I would term the honor roll they have contributed and sent their contributions to Brother Covington 12 or more times. Five have 9 to 11 times. Three have 6 to 8 times. Fourteen have 1 to 5 times. Only four have failed to make any contribution at all.

Our Churches and Sunday Schools need to adopt 100% the once a month collection for Mills Home. Take it and send it in. I hope next year it can be reported that our Sunday School love children and their development more than we love money.

Respectfully submitted,
L. V. PADGETT.

For discussion of the report, Moderator Hatfield requested Rev. E. F. Hardin to introduce Superintendent I. G. Greer, of the Mills Home, who stated that he brought greetings from 500 boys and girls at Thomasville, 238 from the Kennedy Home and 232 under Mother's Aid. He urges the people not to let the Mills Home be responsible for breaking up of a home, if only one of the parents are dead. If a home has a Mother and can be kept intact, with aid, then do not send children to Mills Home but let the mother be aided in keeping the family together with aid from the Home. Mr. Greer made a fine talk, and in conclusion added that the Mills Home was

established and is being maintained for the care of orphaned Baptist boys and girls, and that in the care of these boys and girls, no funds were solicited through duty or responsibility, but rather, the Mills Home wanted those monies which would be given freely from a willing heart. After the talk by Mr. Greer, the report of Mills Home was duly adopted.

Dr. R. K. Redwine presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, RESOLVED that We, the messengers and visitors to the South Fork Association, express to Macedonia Baptist Church our sincere thanks for the generous hospitality and splendid entertainment during this session of the Association.

Moderator Hatfield announced that this concluded the program and business of the 56th annual session, and called all pastors and ministers of the Association to stand at front of church while Association would stand and sing, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds", after which the Association was dismissed with prayer which was led by Rev. S. W. Bennett.

L. L. HATFIELD, Moderator
R. H. HARRILL, Clerk.

Church Directories

EXHIBIT A. B. T. U. PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	GENERAL DIRECTOR	ADULT PRESIDENT	SENIOR PRESIDENT	INTERMEDIATE LEADER	JUNIOR LEADER
Antioch			B. N. Smith Lincolnton	Mrs. Cecil Finger Lincolnton	
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	Mrs. Sinie McNely Brookford	Clyde Thompson Brookford	R. S. Bolick and J. R. Holsclaw	Ada Miller and W. R. Lowman
Catawba			Seth Coulter Denver		
Goodsonville	Z. T. Wise Goodsonville	J. P. Williams R-3, Lincolnton	Miss Bessie Bridges Lincolnton	Mrs. F. L. Caldwell Lincolnton	Miss Maggie Icard Lincolnton
Hickory First	Louis H. Bogle Hickory	Mrs. Mary Lawrence Hickory	Overman Rollins Hickory	Mrs. R. K. Redwine Hickory	Harry Miller Hickory
West Hickory	James Garrett Hickory	Mrs. W. L. Goodson Hickory	William Truitt West Hickory	Mrs. J. E. Day R-1, Hickory	Miss Selma Hick W. Hickory
Highland	S. C. Duncan Hickory	E. M. Suggs Hickory	Charles Hall Hickory	R. N. Penland Hickory	Mark K. Rockett Hickory
Lincoln Avenue			Velma Hallman Lincolnton		
Lincolnton First	Mrs. Emily Eaton Lincolnton	Miss Ruby Padgett Lincolnton	Miss Margaret Brevard L'n't'n	Mrs. E. F. Hardin Lincolnton	Mrs. M. T. Leatherman Lin't'n
East Maiden	R. B. Cook R-4, Lincolnton		Miss Ollie Piercy Maiden	Miss Irene Cook R-4, Lin't'n	Miss Ollie May Laney Lin't'n
Maiden First	T. H. Caldwell Maiden	J. W. Williams Maiden	Miss Helen Heffner Maiden	C. W. Lawing Maiden	Margaret Beal, Marie Williams
Newton First	Mrs. J. R. Cantrell Newton			Mrs. J. R. Cantrell Newton	Miss Odessa Biler Newton
Olivet	J. C. Saunders R-2, Catawba		Miss Madelene Lyton L. Island	Mrs. Clyde York Long Island	Miss Lucile Brown Catawba
Penelope	Parks Harris R-4, Hickory	W. A. Cook West Hickory	Mrs. Fred Womack Hickory	Mrs. G. M. Turner Hickory	Miss Clara Starnes Hickory

EXHIBIT B. W. M. S. AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	W. M. S. PRESIDENTS	Y. W. A. COUNSELOR	G. A. LEADER	R. A. LEADER	SUNBEAM LEADER
Brookford	Miss Maud Bright R-1, Hickory				
Catawba	Mrs. Ben Wall Catawba				
Goodsonville	Mrs. J. P. Williams Lin'ton	Mrs. M. F. Dellinger Lin'ton	Mrs. F. L. Caldwell Lin'ton	Miss Maggie Icard Lin'ton	Miss Lelia Smith Lin'ton
Hickory First	Mrs. E. N. Carr Hickory	Mrs. R. K. Redwine Hickory	Mrs. E. W. Walton Hickory	Mrs. E. N. Carr Hickory	Mrs. R. C. Putnam Hickory
West Hickory	Mrs. W. L. Goodson Hickory				
Highland	Mrs. O. T Rockett Hickory	Mrs. E. F. Sullivan Hickory	Mrs. C. M. Knipp Hickory	E. H. Witherspoon Hickory	Mrs. B. E. Correll Hickory
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernethy Lin'ton				
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. S. W. Bennett Lin'ton				
Lincoln Avenue	Mrs. E. M. Hallman Lin'ton				
Lincolnton First	Mrs. J. O. Shuford Lin'ton	Mrs. Emily H. Eaton Lin'ton	Mrs. G. R. Grice, Mrs. Knight	Mrs. E. T. Childs Lin'ton	Mrs. G. P. Brevard Lin'ton
East Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams Maiden				
Maiden First	Mrs. J. C. Heffner Maiden	Mrs. Chas. G. Ellis Maiden	Mrs. G. J. Lee Maiden		Virginia Sigmon Maiden
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Frank Link Hickory	Mrs. Harry Frye Hickory			
Newton First	Mrs. J. W. Hol'ngs'wh Newton	Miss Ethel Burris Newton	Mrs. C. D. Jessup Newton	James Sutherland Newton	Mrs. B. R. McCright Newton
North Newton	Mrs. R. G. Short Hickory				
Penelope	Mrs. W. A. Cooke W. Hickory	Mrs. Fred G. Womack Hickory	Mrs. P. G. Elrod Hickory	L. F. Yoder R-4, Hickory	Calra Starnes R-4, Hickory
River View	Mrs. W. P. Biggerstaff L'n't'n				Vertie Fox R-5, Lincolnton

EXHIBIT C.

HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE OF MEETING	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHED SERMON
October 24, 25, 25, 1912	Maiden First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	I. T. Newton
October 23, 24, 25, 1913	Mount Holly	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. J. Beach
October 22, 23, 24, 1914	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. C. Barrett
October 27, 28, 29, 1915	West Hickory	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. S. Connell
October 25, 26, 1916	East Gastonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. D. Harte
Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 1917	Newton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	.....
November 21, 22, 1918	Belmont First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. L. Vipperman
October 29, 30, 1919	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. R. Bradshaw
October 27, 28, 1920	Mountain Grove	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. W. Rimmer
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1921	Lawing's Chapel	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	.....
September 28, 29, 1922	River View	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. C. Whitener
September 27, 28, 1923	Catawba	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. R. Freeman
October 2, 3, 1924	Penelope	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. M. Robinson
October 1, 2, 1925	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	T. C. Singleton
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1926	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. D. Barton
September 29, 30, 1927	Corinth	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. A. Ivey
September 27, 28, 1928	Mt. Ruhama	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	R. G. Short
September 26, 27, 1929	Mt. Zion	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	E. F. Hardin
October 2, 3, 1930	Warlick's	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	C. F. Pittman
October 1, 2, 1931	Maiden First	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	J. R. Cantrell
September 29, 30, 1932	Mountain Grove	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	M. I. Harriss
September 28, 29, 1933	Olivet	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	R. K. Redwine
September 27, 28, 1934	Macedonia	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	W. W. Marr

STATISTICAL REPORTS

TABLE I.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	DAYS OF MEETING	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Papers
				Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Deaths	Exclusions	Erasures					
Amity	Marvin Chapman, Goodsonville	Second, Fourth	28	2	4							34		1	3	
Antioch	H. W. Baucom, Victory Sta., Gastonia	Fourth, Fifth	50	8	4							62	Yes	2	2	
Bethel	J. B. Payne, R-4, Lincolnton	Third	98	3	4						53	52	No	1	2	1
Brookford	W. C. Laney, Brookford	Every	174	45	5	10	2	5	2	7	40	182	Yes	2	2	6
Catawba	S. A. Stroup, Catawba	First, Third	192	11	4			1	2			204	No	1	1	5
Cedar Grove	M. G. Chapman, Goodsonville	First, Third	40	2	3	3		3				45	Yes	2	2	
Center View	L. A. McClure, Alexis	First, Third	154	2	3			3				156	Yes	1	2	
Corinth	W. E. Bost, Granite Falls	Fourth	151	6	1			5	3			150	Yes	1	1	4
Denver	L. A. McClure, Alexis	Fourth	16	1					2		1	14	No	1		
Faith	T. H. Roach, R-5, Lincolnton	Second	46	6	8	1		1	2			58	Yes	1	2	
Gainsville	L. A. Bangle, Lincolnton	Second, Fourth	122	1			4		1	2		124	No	1	1	3
Goodsonville	H. B. Jones, Lincolnton	Every	255	19	18			15		1		276	Yes	2	4	2
Hickory First	R. K. Redwine, Hickory	Every	740	24	54			21	4		16	777	Yes	1	4	20
West Hickory	W. W. Marr, 2238 11th Av., Hickory	Every	210	7	6			10	2			211	Yes	2	4	2
Highland	E. F. Sullivan, Hickory	Every	501	43	26	5	2	27	4	34		512	Yes	2	4	15
Kid's Chapel	Paul K. Drum, Maiden	Fourth	14	2								16	No	1		
Lawing's Chapel	L. A. McClure, Alexis	Second	181	9	8			8	1			189	Yes	1	2	1
Leonard's Fork	S. W. Bennett, Lincolnton		49	9	5			1	3			59	No	1	2	2
Lincoln Avenue	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton	Second, Fourth	147		4			2	2			147	Yes	1	1	2
Lincolnton First	E. F. Hardin, Lincolnton	Every	266	12	27		1	27			1	278	Yes	1	4	12
Long Shoals	M. G. Cloer, East Gastonia	First, Third	12		6		2	1				19	No	1		
Macedonia	A. A. Lockee, Lincolnton	First, Third	227	12	6			5	1			239	Yes	1	2	
East Maiden	L. R. Williams, Maiden	First, Third	160	27	10			12				185	Yes	1	3	5
Maiden First	Chas. G. Ellis, Maiden	Every	415	33	24	1	2	26	2			447	Yes	1	1	5
Mount Ruhama	L. A. McClure, Alexis	First, Third	261	17	6		1	6	3			276	Yes	1	2	
Mount Zion	T. H. Roach, Lincolnton	Third	129	7	7				4			130	No	1	2	1
Mountain Grove	J. L. Teague, Hickory	Second, Fourth	115	2				1	1			115		1	2	2
Mountain View	L. A. McClure, Alexis	Fourth	141	11				2	1			149		1	2	
Newton First	J. R. Cantrell, Newton	Every	309	43	21		1	7	3			364	Yes	1	4	8
North Newton	R. G. Short, Hickory	Second, Fourth	98	1	2	1		6	1		3	92	Yes	1	1	
Olivet	S. A. Stroup, Catawba	Second, Fourth	255	6	8			6	4			259	No	1	1	12
Penelope	Fred G. Womack, Hickory	Every	330	25	14	6		3	2			370	Yes	2	4	5
Piney Grove	R. G. Short, Hickory	Third	41	4	1			2				44		1	2	
Providence	W. E. Bost, Granite Falls	Second, Fourth	107	1					2			106				
Reepsville	A. L. Campbell, Gastonia	Second	110	10	1			7	2			121	No	1	1	
River View	W. P. Biggerstaff, R-5, Lincolnton	First, Third	145		2			11	1			135	Yes	2	3	2
Salem	M. P. Rhyne, Dallas	First, Third	104	2	4	4		9	1			104	No	1	3	
Sharon	S. M. Stroup, Alexis	First, Third	68	2	1			3	1			67	No	1	2	1
Southside	L. R. Williams, Maiden	Second, Fourth	121	1	2				1			123	Yes	1	3	
Warlick's	James Street, Caesar	First	95	2			4	3	1			97	No	1	1	1
	TOTALS		6686	418	290	31	10	230	59	44	114	6907	22	47	82	117

TABLE II.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION								
		Beginners 3 to 5 Years	Primaries 6 to 8 Years	Juniors 9 to 12 Years	Intermediates 13 to 16 Years	Young People 17 to 24 Years	Adults 25 Years Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is It Standard	Teachers With Diplomas	Baptisms From School	Have You a Mission School	Enrollment of Mission School	Did You Hold a D. V. B. S.	Enrollment of D. V. B. S.	Av. Attendance of D. V. B. S.
Amity																					
Antioch	Ralph Pendleton R-3, Lincolnton						70				70	40	Yes	No		4	No		No		
Bethel	Everett Mullen R-4, Lincolnton		17	23	18	9	13			9	89	46	Yes	No	4	3	No		No		
Brookford	R. S. Bolick Brookford	23	44	58	71	64	58	24		24	366	176	Yes	No	3	30	No		Yes	120	76
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	7	14	13	22	32	20	16	16	14	154	78	Yes	No	3	10	No		No		
Cedar Grove	M. W. Hoyle R-1, Maiden	13	16	25	19	14	19	9		14	129	76	Yes	No	3	2	No		No		
Center View	J. P. Turbyfill R-1, Maiden						134			14	148		No	No		1	No		No		
Corinth	C. C. Propst R-1, Hickory	6	13	22	32	12	33	18		15	151	92	Yes								
Denver																					
Faith	P. L. Sigmon Alexis		7			19	10			5	41	21	Yes	No		3	No		No		
Gainsville	C. C. Houser Crouse		9	15	12	11	20			8	75	40	Yes	No	5		No		No		
Goodsonville	J. C. Burke R-3, Lincolnton	27	27	30	45	41	55	59		18	302	170	Yes	No	9	15	No		No		
Hickory First	Thos. P. Pruitt Hickory	52	75	143	105	130	195	64	40	92	896	456	Yes	No	64	20	Yes	40	Yes	279	228
West Hickory	C. H. Brittian R-1, Hickory	35	46	67	59	24	74	21		33	359	240	Yes	No	17	7	Yes	125	No		
Highland	B. E. Correll Hickory	33	70	84	72	107	119	90	62	63	700	276	Yes	No	22	42	No		No		
Kid's Chapel	Mrs. Abner Keever Iron Station	11		5		10	14				40	30	No	No		2	No		No		
Lawing's Chapel	J. H. Fish R-4, Lincolnton	15	9	27	26	10	49				136	76	Yes	No	6	9	No		No		
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse	5	7	12	5	5	20	11		9	74	30	Yes	No	6	9	No		No		
Lincoln Avenue	J. A. Sain Lincolnton	22	24	38	14	52	60	15		16	241	137	Yes	No	5		No		No		
Lincolnton First	L. V. Padgett Lincolnton	17	21	42	44	23	58	17		38	260	132	Yes	No	18	11	Yes	30	No		
Long Shoals	S. J. Johnson R-5, Lincolnton	15	14	28	12	15	25			7	116	60	No	No			No		No		
Macedonia	M. L. Cash Lincolnton	21		21	15	52	13			10	132	60	Yes	No		11	No		No		
East Maiden	E. H. Williams Maiden	25	12	15	30	32	35	8		28	185	161	Yes	No	20	22	No		No		
Maiden First	W. C. Laney Maiden	31	44	80	47	99	106			27	434	221	Yes	No	22	23	No		No		
Mount Ruhama	Geo. W. Caldwell R-2, Newton	14	20	32	43	35	78	15		15	252	175	Yes	No		15	No		No		
Mount Zion	B. F. Shelton Alexis	3	8	14	16	17	16			7	81	50	No	No	6	6	No		No		
Mountain Grove	C. S. Eckard Hickory	10	10	22	26	13	21			13	115	61	Yes	No		2	No		No		
Mountain View	W. W. Moore Maiden						97			9	106	70				10					
Newton First	C. D. Jessup Newton	22	51	77	42	54	115	40	8	38	447	250	Yes	No	21	41	No		No		
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant Newton	40	18	37	18	25	58	6		17	219	140	Yes	No	12	1	No		No		
Olivet	J. C. Johnson Long Island	15	21	35	40	78	29			22	240	130	Yes	No	12	5	No		No		
Penelope	W. T. Phillips R-4, Hickory	33	56	105	66	52	90	25		40	467	247	Yes	No	26		No		No		
Piney Grove	E. T. Barker R-1, Claremont	16		8	15		16			6	61	40	No	No		4	No		No		
Providence	M. S. Brittain R-1, Hickory	9	12	25	10	16	18			16	106	53	Yes	No	14	1	No		No		
Reepsville	Marvin Scronce R-1, Vale	8	9	20	14	15	22	9		4	101	80	Yes	Yes	12	10	Yes	50	No		
River View	A. E. Weaver Lincolnton						228			22	250	150	No	No	2		No		No		
Salem	F. D. Helms R-5, Lincolnton	7	11	12	19	16	16			8	89	55	Yes	No	2		No		No		
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station		5	7	7	13	9			5	46	30	Yes	No		2	No		No		
Southside	Gilbert Whitesides Southside	13		22	36	62	27			11	171	106	No	No	4	1	No		No		
Warlick's	K. M. McGuire Icard		14	12	13	24	16			10	89	75	Yes	No	2		No		No		
	TOTALS	548	704	1176	1013	1181	2056	447	126	687	7938	4330	30	1	320	322	4	245	2	399	304

NOTE:—Ungraded Enrollment is Placed in Adult Colmn.

TABLE III. CHURCH PROPERTY AND AIMS FOR NEW YEAR OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	CHURCH PROPERTY: When was Church Built?	Value Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness On Church Property	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Will Have a Revival	Will Correct Church Roll	S. S. Enrollment Equal to Church	Organize W.M.S. and B.T.U.	Will Secure Recorder Subs.	Will Have Club Charity & Children	Will Remit Funds Monthly	Will Take Spec. Offerings for Orphanage	Will Take Spec. Off. Hospital	Elevate Level of Spiritual Living and Giving	Aim for Co-Operative Program	Aim For Orphanage
Amity	E. L. Ballard, Iron Station	1905	$ 1 000	$	$ 1 000												$	$
Antioch	B. M. Smith, Lincolnton	1922	1 500		1 500													
Bethel	R. W. Long, R-2, Lincolnton	1896	575		575													
Brookford	George Flowers, Brookford	1910	15 000		15 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	365 00	135 00
Catawba	C. W. Ervin, Catawba	1875	6 000		6 000													
Cedar Grove	J. E. Rhodes, R-1, Maiden	1902	300		300													
Center View	J. F. Hovis, R-1, Maiden	1915	1 500		1 500													
Corinth	Miss Elma Stallings, Hickory	1885	2 000		2 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	80 00	35 00
Denver	W. F. Keever, Davidson	1914	1 500		1 500													
Faith	P. L. Sigmon, Alexis	1905	1 200		1 200		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Gainsville	C. C. Houser, Crouse	1923	2 000		2 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15 00	2 00
Goodsonville	J. P. Williams, Lincolnton	1922	4 200	2 000	6 200	900	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	195 00	170 00
Hickory First	J. D. Greene, Hickory	1900	90 000	4 000	94 000	12 500	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3500 00	750 00
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy, Hickory	1908	12 000	2 000	14 000	2 500	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100 00	
Highland	A. T. Fox, Hickory	1912	25 000	5 000	30 000	1 000	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1000 00	200 00
Kid's Chapel	W. A. Poole, Iron Station	1871	1 200		1 200													
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry, R-4, Lincolnton	1908	2 000		2 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	9 00	15 00
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover, Crouse	1882	1 000		1 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30 00	15 00
Lincoln Avenue	W. K. Stover, Lincolnton	1927	10 000		10 000	3 300	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	150 00	40 00
Lincolnton First	George P. Brevard, Lincolnton	1921	75 000	5 000	80 000	10 200	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	167 17	154 83
Long Shoals	S. J. Johnson, R-5, Lincolnton	1919	1 000		1 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Macedonia	W. A. Potts, R-3, Lincolnton	1922	10 000		10 000		Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
East Maiden	E. H. Williams, Maiden	1927	4 000		4 000	700	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	60 00	40 00
Maiden First	Miss Wilma Caldwell, Maiden	1930	20 000	3 000	23 000	4 100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	100 00	100 00
Mount Ruhama	Geo. W. Caldwell, R-2, Newton	1912	3 500		3 500		Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	32 00	29 00
Mount Zion	L. H. Helderman, Alexis	1869	2 100		2 100		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Mountain Grove	G. F. Huffman, Hickory	1882	2 000		2 000													
Mountain View	M. O. Gilleland, Maiden	1900	2 000		2 000													
Newton First	Perry D. Huitt, Newton	1914	26 500	6 000	32 500		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	230 00	124 00
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant, Newton	1923	500	1 300	1 800	280	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30 00	30 50
Olivet	H. E. Fisher, Long Island	1844	2 000	1 600	3 600													
Penelope	I. F. Yoder, R-4, Hickory	1888	8 000	2 000	10 000	169	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100 00	20 00
Piney Grove	Lee Setzer, R-2, Newton	1905	400		400													
Providence	Millie Whitener, Vale	1802	2 500		2 500		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	50 00	25 00
Reepsville	Mrs. D. C. Beaver, R-1, Vale	1888	700		700													
River View	Perry Reep, R-1, Lincolnton	1922	5 000	2 000	7 000		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	50 00	65 00
Salem	Paul Cloninger, High Shoals	1930	2 500		2 500	195												
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station	1900	500		500													
Southside	Miss Alive Huss, R-5, Lincolnton	1925	4 000		4 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30 00	20 00
Warlick's	E. T. Berry, Icard	1932	7 000		7 000	1 000	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
	TOTALS		$357 175	$ 33 900	$391 075	$ 36 644											$6293 17	$1970 33

TABLE IV.GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURH WORK											
		Pas'or's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., W. M. S., and B. Y. P. U.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Given by All W. M. U. Organizations	Given by Sunday School	Total For All Local Purposes By Church and All Organizations
Amity	Miss Lundie Ballard, Iron Station	$ 38 10	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3 50	$	$	$ 41 60
Antioch	Goal Martin, Lincolnton	60 00		10 00		25 00	18 93						113 93
Bethel	R. W. Long, R-2, Lincolnton	81 52		6 25		75	21 36			12 25		39 86	122 13
Brookford	B. B. Bishop, Brookford	1 027 71		74 27		450 47	134 08					444 88	1 686 53
Catawba	Neil Wike, Catawba	384 06		57 40	2 286 49	35 89	99 25		2 00	23 48	1 23	95 07	2 888 57
Cedar Grove	J. E. Rhodes, R-1, Maiden	43 61		75	34 50		17 15			19 50		7 11	115 51
Center View	W. W. Laney, R-1, Maiden	236 84		28 15		26 45				2 01			293 45
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant, R-1, Hickory	200 00	12 00	33 70		19 90	49 43		1 00	6 11		49 43	322 14
Denver	B. L. Beal, Iron Station	35 25											35 25
Faith	Mrs. Horace Bradshaw, Alexis	71 60		11 25	13 79		8 44		1 00			11 43	106 08
Gainsville	Will Ingle, Lincolnton	85 00					25 00		50			25 00	110 50
Goodsonville	V. D. Chapman, Lincolnton	1 400 00	38 60	147 15	846 57	273 97	136 73	57 39		116 64	72 89	244 36	3 017 05
Hickory First	H. G. Stevens, Hickory	3 000 00	600 00	200 00	1 891 68	1 001 59	599 94	139 89	25 00	334 56	45 53	988 66	7 792 66
West Hickory	W. S. Abernethy, Hickory	1 087 29		28 34	577 70	218 21	125 43		2 50	60 75		295 73	2 100 22
Highland	W. B. Duncan, Hickory	1 528 51		111 21	309 98	488 57	310 63	17 66	12 00	35 48			2 814 04
Kid's Chapel		25 00			40 00		5 00						70 00
Lawing's Chapel	J. J. Henry, R-4, Lincolnton	170 10		20 20	18 50	11 75	33 13		1 00		90	32 23	254 68
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover, Crouse	140 82			3 60	1 25	22 75		1 50	17 80			187 72
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman, Lincolnton	375 00		28 00	17 97	90 21	108 23		2 90	187 57			809 88
Lincolnton First	M. T. Leatherman, Lincolnton	2 190 00		100 00	1 453 04	677 81	262 60	3 00	10 00	106 25	3 00	365 78	4 802 70
Long Shoals	Mrs. Eula Rhyne, R-5, Lincolnton	60 00		14 00	65 00	19 05	18 00		50			45 00	176 55
Macedonia	N. P. Williams, Lincolnton	216 34		40 51		50 00	16 00						322 85
East Maiden	J. D. Turner, Maiden	305 00		35 00	103 32	20 00	80 27				15 00	168 59	543 59
Maiden First	Tom Carpenter, Maiden	706 75		23 39	1 156 91	150 81	127 46	8 50	1 20	139 53	61 13	263 21	2 314 55
Mount Ruhama	Geo. W. Caldwell, R-2, Newton	407 25		30 00		6 50	15 46	23 63	5 00	92 33			580 17
Mount Zion	E. A. Sadler, Alexis	163 02		15 05		20 00	17 97	47 50	2 50				266 04
Mountain Grove	C. S. Eckard, Hickorly	279 39		26 00		10 00	50 49		2 00	16 62	4 00	63 11	384 50
Mountain View		211 60		25 00		75 00	20 46		2 00				334 06
Newton First	C. D. Drum, Newton	1 800 00		50 00	170 83	353 02	157 12	11 60	5 85	70 00			2 618 42
North Newton	J. R. Murray, Newton	398 36		45 00	108 21	164 50	75 17	5 85				75 17	797 09
Olivet	W. W. Ervin, R-2, Catawba	425 00		30 30	40 00	53 61	107 96	5 00	3 00				664 87
Penelope	W. A. Cooke, West Hickory	971 00		128 75	368 98	314 66	192 78	78 80	3 80	19 72	8 00	165 60	2 078 49
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy, Catawba	100 00			42 00		8 30		75			8 30	151 05
Prov dence	D. W. Brittain, Hickory	150 00		51 50		6 05	15 10		2 00	17 00			241 65
Reepsville	Amos Scronce, R-1, Vale	89 16					20 00	2 00	1 50	5 00			117 66
River View	C. P. Ramsey, R-1, Lincolnton	385 42		23 30	107 98	69 21	40 78	10 74	3 00	27 65		96 99	668 08
Salem	J. R. Avery, Lincolnton	226 76		21 00	56 71	17 69	33 07			10 93			366 16
Sharon	Miss Edna Lineberger, Iron Station	22 00					8 12			7 35			37 47
Southside	Frank Parker, Southside	215 00		17 25	58 00	67 87	56 51					154 93	414 63
Warlick's	R. S. Icard, Rhodhiss	150 00	30 00	200 00	9 00	23 00	25 00	2 00					439 00
	TOTALS	19,462.46	$ 680.60	$1,632.72	$9,780.76	$4,742.79	$3,064.10	$ 413 56	$ 92 50	$1,332.03	$ 211 68	$3,640.44	41,201.52

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, BENEVOLENCES, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CHURCHES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian and Ministerial Education	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Given by W. M. U. Organizations	Given by the Sunday School	Total Missions and Benevolences Given by Church and All Departments	Grand Total Given for All Purposes Last Year
Amity	$ 8 63	$	$	$ 2 10	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 10 73	$ 52 33
Antioch							5 00						5 00	118 93
Bethel							15 07					15 07	15 07	137 20
Brookford	351 28		3 85	5 43	5 42		114 25	18 34		3 05	22 54	147 29	501 62	2 188 15
Catawba	15 62		13 72	16 50	5 30		80 91				36 80	50 76	132 05	3 020 62
Cedar Grove														115 51
Center View			2 12		3 50		21 41	6 00		2 37			35 40	328 85
Corinth	42 70		2 27				16 79	2 51				16 79	64 27	386 41
Denver														35 25
Faith			3 00	4 66			14 89	1 00				23 55	23 55	129 63
Gainsville	17 80						2 50					2 50	20 30	130 80
Goodsonville	119 31		32 45	24 17	12 80		160 72	16 50		24 67	104 16	212 41	390 62	3 407 67
Hickory First	2 377 35		80 86	36 50	163 00	10 00	684 78	61 92		50 95	267 34	532 02	3 465 36	11258 02
West Hickory	100 00						75 76	10 00			20 00		185 76	2 285 98
Highland	763 78						180 79	16 46			449 45	218 69	961 03	3 775 07
Kid's Chapel														70 00
Lawing's Chapel	8 70		2 00				13 05				7 15	11 90	23 75	278 43
Leonard's Fork	7 75		8 47	5 25	4 10	2 00	17 89	5 70		4 25	30 25	20 84	55 41	243 13
Lincoln Avenue	77 60						39 45	3 35			1 25	42 80	120 40	930 28
Lincolnton First	151 90		42 78	81 35	77 71	11 00	140 76	33 23		7 00	202 19	198 99	545 73	5 348 43
Long Shoals														176 55
Macedonia	2 00						2 00						4 00	326 85
East Maiden				10 00	50 79		50 39	5 00	4 43		10 00	89 11	120 61	664 20
Maiden First	3 00			7 85			60 66	14 23		3 51	8 51	80 74	89 25	2 403 80
Mount Ruhama	32 01						28 61	8 34					68 96	649 13
Mount Zion	31 25						106 71	10 15				106 71	148 11	414 15
Mountain Grove	23 45		9 47	7 25	14 59		43 84	10 00				38 49	108 60	493 10
Mountain View				15 00								15 00	15 00	349 06
Newton First	164 54		10 20	9 00	12 90	4 13	127 46	10 65		2 50	143 27	138 17	341 38	2 959 80
North Newton			3 30	5 50	2 35		30 25	10 00	12 00	9 95	11 95	57 90	73 35	870 44
Olivet	75 00						33 50	5 37					113 87	778 74
Penelope	65 00		3 00	4 56	2 44			8 80			38 00		83 80	2 162 29
Piney Grove	4 00						8 65	1 00				8 65	13 65	164 70
Providence	22 00						20 66	10 71					53 37	295 02
Reepsville	3 65			40				1 45					5 50	123 16
River View	21 90						52 25	4 00			13 45	56 25	78 15	746 23
Salem							15 00						15 00	381 16
Sharon					1 35		7 10	1 36				7 10	9 81	47 28
Southside					12 34		12 14					24 48	24 48	439 11
Warlick's														439 00
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TABLE VI. B. Y. P. U.'s OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

TABLE VII. WOMAN'S WORK, ETC,. OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Index No.	CHURCHES	THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK													W. M. U. WORK												Index No.
		Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers All Unions	No. Missionary Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled Mission Study Courses	
1	Amity		1	1		2		18	23		41		22														1
2	Antioch																										2
3	Bethel																										3
4	Brookford	1	1	2	2	6	18	14	32	28	92	39	48	50	1					1	10					10		4
5	Catawba		1	1		2		20	15		35	11	20	23	1					1	15					15	13	5
6	Cedar Grove																											6
7	Center View																											7
8	Corinth																											8
9	Denver																											9
10	Faith																											10
11	Gainsville																											11
12	Goodsonville	1	1	1	1	4	21	16	27	23	87	68	51	79	1	1			1	3	18	35			30	83	15	12
13	Hickory First	1	2	4	4	11	22	33	62	59	176	58	74	93	1	1	2	1	1	6	146	22	39	14	13	234	107	13
14	West Hickory	1	1	3	2	7	11	19	29	37	96	47	52	63	1					1	16					16		14
15	Highland	1	1	1	2	5	18	40	30	42	130	58	51	64	1	1	2	1	1	6	23	12	15	9	9	68	12	15
16	Kid's Chapel																											16
17	Lawing's Chapel														1					1	11					11		17
18	Leonard's Fork														1					1	12					12		18
19	Lincoln Avenue		1			1		18			18	10	18		1					1	13					13		19
20	Lincolnton First	1	1	1	1	4	16	18	30	23	87	33	52	45	1	1	2	1	1	6	58	21	30	18	21	148	73	20
21	Long Shoals																											21
22	Macedonia																											22
23	East Maiden		1	1	1	3		15	18	18	51	11	28	19	1					1	12					12	8	23
24	Maiden First	1	1	1	2	5	13	27	20	48	108	17	46	37	1	1	1		1	4	10	25	16		10	61		24
25	Mount Ruhama																											25
26	Mount Zion																											26
27	Mountain Grove														1	1				2	7	10				17		27
28	Mountain View																											28
29	Newton First			1	1	2			22	28	50	3		35	1	1	1	1	1	5			30	12	28	70		29
30	North Newton														1					1	5					5		30
31	Olivet		1	1	1	3		24	20	22	66	24	29	33														31
32	Penelope	1	1	2	2	6	36	20	40	53	149	67	66	68	1	1	2	2	1	7	25	20	30	20	25	120	109	32
33	Piney Grove																											33
34	Providence																											34
35	Reepsville																											35
36	River View														1				1	2	12				28	40		36
37	Salem																											37
38	Sharon																											38
39	Southside																											39
40	Warlick's																											40
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CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as South Fork Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to educate to the ministry, men called of God and approved by the Church to which they belong; to support the Gospel throughout the bounds of the Association; to assist Baptist churches in erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible by all our people; to promote the work of the Bible School and Young People and to cooperate with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention in all departments of their work.

3. This Associaion shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the several member churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association and Chairman of all standing committees. Each church of one hundred members or fraction thereof shall be entitled to two messengers, and for each additional fifty members, an additional messenger; provided, that no church shall have more than five messengers.

4. The officers of the Associaiton shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected on the closing day of each annual session and shall serve through the next annual meeting.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee for the Association, consisting of the Moderator, ex-officio, and nine members representing the different sections of the Association. The nine members shall be divided into equal groups and elected for one, two and three years. As the terms expire, the successors shall serve for terms of three years. At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three to nominate, at the following annual session, members to fill vacancies of the Executive Committee. Vacancies occurring between sessions of the Association may be filled until next session by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Failure without good reason to attend at least two meetings of the Executive Committee during the year shall disqualify any member from serving the following years. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions and report annually to the Association and bring to the Association such recommendations as they may consider wise.

6. The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the First Sunday in October, at ten A. M. The hours for the convention of further sessions of the Association shall be fixed by the Moderator or by the Program Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee for each annual session, composed of three members, one of which shall be the Pastor of the church with which the Association will meet. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a program for the next annual meeting.

BY - LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The number of the messengers shall be ascertained each day previous to proceeding with the business of the Association.

3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one else to preside if he wishes to vacate the chair.

4. The Parliamentary Proceedure shall be in accordance with Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Practice", which shall be final authority on any question of proceedure arising during the deliberation of the Association.

5. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and shall superintend the printing of the Minutes.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

L. L. HATFIELD, Hickory, N. C. ..... Moderator
J. R. CANTRELL, Newton, N. C. ..... Vice-Moderator
J. Y. KILLIAN, Newton, N. C. ..... Treasurer
M. S. BRITTAIN, RFD 1, Hickory, N. C. ..... Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Expires 1936

M. S. Brittain, RFD 1, Hickory
M. H. Laney, RFD 1, Maiden
G. S. Caldwell, RFD 5, Lincolnton

Term Expires 1937

E. F. Sullivan, Hickory
T. H. Caldwell, Maiden
C. W. Ervin, Catawba

Term Expires 1938

J. Y. Killian, Newton
R. S. Bolick, Brookford
W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

G. C. Hewitt, Newton ..... Associational Superintendent
Mrs. Lela Stepp, Brookford ..... Supt. Hickory District
C. W. Ervin, Catawba ..... Supt. Catawba District
G. S. Whisnant, RFD 3, Lincolnton ..... Supt. Maiden District
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse ..... Supt. Lincolnton District
Miss Katie Burke, Goodsonville ..... Supt. East-Lincoln District
Mrs. Rose Gregg, Newton ..... Secretary-Treasurer

W. M. U. CONVENTION

Mrs G. R. Grice, Lincolnton ..... Associational Superintendent
Mrs. J. W. Bowles, Lincolnton ..... Associate Associational Supt.
Mrs. G. W. Tobey, Lincolnton ..... Secretary
Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory ..... Treasurer
Mrs. W. C. Cook, Hickory ..... Leader Hickory District
Mrs. J. R. Cantrell, Newton ..... Leader Newton-Maiden Distict
Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Lincolnton ..... Leader Lincolnton District
Mrs. J. L. Putman, Lincolnton ..... Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. W. L. Boatright, Hickory ..... Personal Service Chairman
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse ..... Literature Chairman
Mrs. Hilton Bowles, Hickory ..... Young Peoples' Leader
Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Hickory ..... Worker-At-Large

B. T. U. CONVENTION

W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton ..... President
Haskel Sides, RFD, Lincolnton ..... Vice-President
S. C. Duncan, Hickory ..... Adult Leader
Everett Propst, Hickory ..... Senior Leader
Eulalia McClure, Alexis ..... Intermediate Leader
Helen Murphy, Lincolnton ..... Junior Leader
Katie Burke, Goodsonville ..... Secretary-Treasurer
Margaret Honeycutt, Lincolnton ..... Corresponding Secretary
J. W. Williams, Maiden ..... Chorister
Rebecca Lawrence, Hickory ..... Pianist
Donnie Hudson, Hickory ..... District Leader, No. 1
Susie Danner, Catawba ..... District Leader, No. 2
Ophelia Cook, RFD 4, Lincolnton ..... District Leader, No. 3
A. Britt, Lincolnton ..... District Leader, No. 4
Mrs. C. F. Clanton, Goodsonville ..... District Leader, No. 5

LIST OF MESSENGERS

(SESSION 1935)

Church	Messengers	Visitors
Amity	Pat Mullen	0
Antioch		0
Bethel	Clyde Short, R. A. Long, E. I. Sigmon, C. G. Davis	0
Brookford	Dora Bright, R. S. Bolick, Maude Bright	2
Brown Memorial	Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw, G. W. Fox	2
Catawba	R. H. Brown, C. W. Ervin, Eunice Trollinger, Mrs. H. A. Witherspoon, H. A. Witherspoon	0
Cedar Grove	Henry Schronce, John E. Rhodes, John W. Beard	0
Center View	M. H. Laney, C. L. Harris, G. M. Norwood	2
Corinth	J. A. Wilson, Velma Stallings	32
Denver	B. L. Beal, W. F. Keever	0
Faith	J. R. Hilton, J. R. Black	3
Gainsville	Robert Morrison, W. S. Campbell, L. A. Bangle	3
Goodsonville	Mrs. Ray Parker, Z. B. Ritchie, Mrs. Z. B. Ritchie, Mrs. L. S. Mauney, H. B. Jones, Mrs. J. P. Williams	7
Hickory First	Richard K. Redwine, Mrs. E. N. Carr. Mrs. K. C. Menzies, Mrs. L. P. Frans, T. P. Pruitt	9
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy, W. W. Marr, Mrs. W. W. Marr, Mrs. J. E. Day, Mrs. C. O. Beach, Mrs. D. H. Cordell	1
Highland	J. L. Frye, E. F. Sullivan, Mrs. W. J. Anderson, Mrs. W. B. Duncan	5
Kid's Chapel	I. A. Pool	0
Lawing's Chapel	Lillie Whisnant, G. S. Whisnant	1
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. J. W. Hoover	1
Lincoln Avenue	Mrs. E. M. Hallman, Ruth Eurey, S. A. Goodin, E. M. Hallman	4
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison, Mrs. J. O. Shuford, Mrs. Geo. C. Prevard, Mrs. Geo. R. Grice, Mrs. Elbert F. Hardin	0
Long Shoals	P. A. Kiser, C. C. Caskey	2
Macedonia	Carrie Keener, Van Buren Euring, Wilvie Euring, Mrs. C. L. Perkins	0
East Maiden	H. M. Sides, E. H. Williams, R. B. Cook	5
Maiden First	Virginia Sigmon, Helen Heffner, Della Abernethy	0
Mt. Ruhama	I. M. Murray, R. W. Ratchford, Geo. W. Caldwell, E. G. Abernethy, Mrs. Martin Abernethy, W. C. Reed, Martin Abernethy	3

Mt. Zion	Ben Shelton, G. E. Hovis	2
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckerd, Mary Huffman, A. D. Huffman	18
Mtn. View	F. E. Litten	0
Newton First	Mrs. G. P. Coulter, Mrs. Carl C. Canipe, C. H. Bost, Mrs. C. F. Little	9
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant, Mrs. B. M. Burke	1
Olivet	Mrs. S. A. Stroupe, Stella Elliott	0
Penelope	Mrs. Fred G. Womack, Phoebe Fulbright, Mrs. G. M. Lerner, Mrs. Gertrude Robinson, Mrs. T. F. Digh, Mrs. F. G. Elrod	38
Piney Grove	Henry Etta Setzer, G. T. Abernethy, Nellie Victoria Drum	0
Providence	M. S. Brittain, T. S. Abee, W. F. Huffman	85
Reepsville	Georgianna Smith, Marvin Scronce	5
River View	S. T. Neepe, G. W. Punch, A. M. Harliss, Mrs. S. A. Rhodes, Mrs. G. W. Punch	3
Salem		0
Sharon	Mrs. J. G. Hallman, Mrs. A. C. Lineberger	2
Southside		0
Warlick's		6

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Associational Officers	4
Pastors and Ministers	17
Official Messengers and Alternates	117
From Associational Churches (other than messengers)	241
State Officers and Representatives	6
Visitors from Local Community	30
Visitors from Outside Association	24
Total Registered Attendance	439

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1935

The South Fork Baptist Association convened at 9:50 A. M., the 10th day of October, A. D., 1935, in its 57th annual session, with Providence Baptist Church, in Catawba County, North Carolina, with those messengers in attendance as shown by list of messengers.

Moderator L. L. Hatfield called the meeting to order, with M. P. Rhyne leading in prayer. S. A. Stroup, who was in charge of the music for the annual meeting, led the opening hymns. The devotional period was conducted by L. R. Williams. After a brief exhortation, prayer was offered by J. R. Cantrell.

As the roll of the churches was called the messengers stood in response to the call of their church. All answered to the roll call, with the exception of Amity, Antioch, Faith, Lincolnton First, Maiden First, Macedonia, and South Side.

At this time Moderator Hatfield recognized vistiors to the Association, among them were: Rev. M. A. Adams, representative of The Recorder; Mr. Smith Hagaman, Superintendent of The Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem; and Mrs. J. S. Farmer, Raleigh.

The following new pastors were introduced: W. R. Bradshaw, of Brown Memorial Church; W. D. Early, of Providence, Corinth and Mountain Grove Churches; and J. H. Phillips, of Reepsville Church.

R. K. Redwine read a letter from J. F. Click, a former Clerk of the Association, in which he expressed his regret at being absent from the meeting. This was the first session that he had ever missed. By a vote of the body, Mr. Redwine, his pastor, was asked to convey to him its regret for his absence, and well wishes for better health.

Fred G. Womack presented the report of the program committee. It was adopted.

By motion, it was agreed for M. A. Adams, of Biblical Recorder, to change time of talk with Smith Hagaman, of Baptist Hospital.

L. A. McClure read the following report on Religious Literature:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The Lord who created us gave us our minds and we should be very

careful what kind of reading matter we become accustomed to read and our minds are second only to our souls and we believe that the growth of the soul largely depends on the development of the mind and the things that the mind contains.

There is an abundance of good literature in reach of every Baptist in North Carolina if we would put forth the effort to get it. And we believe that Baptists as well as everybody else need to read the things that are worth while and have some bearing on a better life.

The Bible is second to nothing so we deem it wisdom upon our part to urge all people to read it more, as it has done more to lift humanity to God than any other piece of literature that has ever come from the press.

We have a flood of religious literature coming from the Sunday School Board. Then we have Home and Foreign Fields published monthly for one dollar a year which is full of Missionary information.

We have in our own State The Biblical Recorder which has been a source of information to Baptists for more than a hundred year, and we believe if our people would take our denominational paper and inform themselves, our work in general would go on in a greater way and thereby honor God by our living.

Charity and Children is another great piece of religious literature and worthy of a place in every home in North Carolina, for it gives us information in regard to our Orphanage work.

So may we all urge our people in their reading to read the things that are worthwhile and helpful rather than harmful.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. McCLURE.

Brother McClure was recognized to speak, but yielded his time to M. A. Adams, who later spoke on The Biblical Recorder. The report was adopted.

The following report was read by S. A. Stroup:

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Since the opening of the Hospital May 28, 1923, to July 15, 1935, 29,000 patients have entered for treatment. In the first half of the year 1935, 1,760 patients have been treated. At this rate, the Hospital will have 3,520 patients this year, or 31,280 patient days. Of this, 11,882 will be full pay, 9,704 part pay and 9,674 free.

The Hospital has had an average of 86 patients per day for the last six months and is now averaging 300 patients per month. Almost one-half of the patient days are service, or free days.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that it costs a large amount of money to care for this increasing number of patients coming from practically every section of the state. The Hospital must depend very largely on the offerings of the churches and Sunday Schools to care for these hundreds and hundreds of patients who can't pay for treatment.

The Woman's Missionary Unions of the State, in addition to their cash contributions, have sent to the Hospital during the first six months of this year, 3,635 articles of linen, consisting of sheets, spreads, pillow cases, towels, etc. These are much needed and much appreciated.

Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) has been designated by

the denomination as "Hospital Day." If only all of our churches would seriously put on a well-planned Mother's Day program, enough money could be provided to amply care for this vast host of God's poor, who can't provide this service for themselves. We are trying to carry on the same program that Jesus gave so much of His life to—relieving suffering humanity. What part have you had in it? What part will you have in it?

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. STROUP.

The Moderator recognized Mr. Stroup to speak to the report, who gave his time to Mr. Smith Hagaman, Superintendent of the Hospital at Winston-Salem.

Mr. Hagaman spoke on the work of the Hospital in ministering to suffering humanity. The Hospital Report was adopted.

After singing the Hymn, "More Love To Thee", the Moderator called for report on W. M. U., which was read by Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, treasurer of the organization. It is as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1888. Through the years their permanent motto has been, "Laborers Together With God." Most truly can it be said that they have lived up to their motto. That they have "labored together" no one can doubt, for the work has grown until last year they reported a total membership in all their organizations of 571,702; and their total gifts for last year amounted to $1,915,802.99. They also labored together "with God", for the strength of the W. M. U. lies not in its activities, as many as they are, but in the guidance and power of Almighty God.

Four things they stress, and stress continually: Social Service, Stewardship, Mission Study, and Intercessory Prayer. In order to keep their members informed on these subjects and in order that they may have material for their monthly programs, they publish three missionary magazines, namely, "Royal Service", "The Window", and "World Comrades." No organization whether of the women, young women, or children, can afford to be without these periodicals.

We have 17 Woman's Missionary Societies in the South Fork Association, and 19 Young Peoples' organizations. This includes Mount Vernon church of the South Mountain Association, which has all the Woman's organizations. This church has been taken into our association's woman's work. The women of the South Fork gave $2,113.33 this year. We would encourage the cooperating churches, and urge upon the others to organize their women at once.

We wish to commend the work of our Associational President, Mrs. George R. Grice, of Lincolnton. She has spent much time and effort in assisting and encouraging the work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. F. SULLIVAN.

R. K. Redwine presented Mrs. J. S. Farmer, of Raleigh, who spoke on the W. M. U. and its activities.

The Report on the W. M. U. was adopted.

The Moderator read appointments of the following committees:

Place and Preacher for 1936 Session—L. A. McClure, W. P. Biggerstaff, and C. W. Ellington.

Digest of Church Letters—E. F. Sulilvan, E. F. Hardin, and C. W. Ervin.

Auditing Committee—T. P. Pruitt, W. C. Laney, of Brookford, and S. M. Stroup.

Committee on Credentials—R. K. Redwine, H. B. Jones, and M. H. Laney.

Committee on Time and Place for Spring Session 1936—M. P. Rhyne, C. S. Eckard, and G. S. Whisnant.

After singing the Hymn, "More About Jesus", the annual Association sermon was delivered by T. H. Roach, pastor of Faith Baptist Church. He read his Scripture lesson from the 9th chapter of Matthew, announcing verses 36-38, as his text. L. A. McClure led in prayer. At the end of the sermon prayer was offered by R. K. Redwine.

The Chair recognized and welcomed all visitors to the Association.

The Association adjourned at 12:20 for lunch, which had been prepared by Providence Church, with Corinth and Mountain Grove assisting.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 1:20 P. M. After a brief song service, W. W. Marr conducted the devotional period.

The Committee on Credentials reported the application for membership into the Association of the Brown Memorial Baptist Church. The Articles of Faith and organization was reported favorably. The body voted unanimously to receive the new church as a member of the Association.

E. F. Sullivan then gave the following:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee, composed of a member representing

every section of our association, has held four meetings this year besides cooperating with the Promotion Committee in several meetings.

We have prepared and presented four programs, one for each fifth Sunday Union Meeting during the year. Attendance at these meetings has been unusually good. It was upon our recommendation that two churches in this association have received limited aid this year from the General Board. We also sponsored the annual spring session of the association, which was held again in Maiden. Miss Maude Speagle, of Corinth church, was returned to Mars Hill College for a second year. Her tuition is to be paid out of the income from funds kept in trust by the association.

Two new church buildings have been erected during the year, namely, Reepsville and Brown Memorial. One new field has been formed, composed of Corinth, Providence, and Mountain Grove churches, with a pastor settled in their midst. We wish to commend this act, and urge upon more of our churches the importance of having more compact fields, in order that better pastoral service may be rendered.

The Executive Committee has sought to encourage in every way all our churches in carying out the whole Baptist program both at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN, Acting Chairman.

The report was adopted.

J. Y. Killian, Treasurer of the Association and Trustee of Scholarship Fund, presented his annual report to the Association, which was as follows:

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Receipts

Interest on W. D. Hursey Note	$ 30.00
Interest on Maiden Note	111.00
Principal Paid on Maiden Note	350.00
Principal and Interest on Claremont Hosiery Mill Note	300.85
	$791.85

Disbursements

Balance Due Mars Hill College on Miss Campbell's Scholarship	$ 39.00
Paid to Mars Hill College for Miss Speagle's Scholarship	150.00
	$189.00

Funds on Hand and Invested as Follows

Balance of Receipts on Deposit at Shuford National Bank	$ 602.85
Note, Town of Maiden	1,500.00
Note, W. D. Hursey, Claremont, N. C.	500.00
	$2,602.85

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN, Trustee.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted.

T. P. Pruitt presented the following:

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your committee, audited the Treasurer's Books for the year ending with this Association. We find the treasurer received $119.35 on minute fund, and paid out $102.89, leaving on hand $16.46. All disbursements were accompanied by receipts in due form.

The Scholarship Fund shows a balance, as of this date, of $2,602.85, represented by the following items:

Maiden Note	$1,500.00
Note and Mortgage, W. D. Hursey	500.00
Cash in Shuford National Bank	602.85
	$2,602.85

The treasurer has said notes, the mortgage of Mr. Hursey, and a bank statement evidencing the correctness of these items.

We find your financial affairs are being properly handled, and commend the treasurer on the faithful discharge of his trust.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. LANEY,
S. M. STROUP,
T. P. PRUITT, Auditing Committee.

The report was adopted.

The State of the Churches was next presented in the following manner:

(1) One Minute Report from Each Church. As the roll of the churches was called, the following gave a report: Bethel, Brookford, Brown Memorial, Catawba, Cedar Grove, Center View, Corinth, Faith, Goodsonville, Hickory, Highland, Lawing's Chapel, Leonard's Fork, Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnton First, Mt. Ruhama, Mt. Zion, Mountain Grove, Newton First, North Newton, Olivet, Penelope, Piney Grove, Providence, Reepsville, River View, Sharon and Southside.

The following churches gave no report: Amity, Antioch, Denver, Gainsville, West Hickory, Kid's Chapel, Long Shoals, Macedonia, Mountain View, Salem, Warlick's, Maiden, and East Maiden.

(2) Preliminary Report on Digest of Church Letters was given by C. W. Ervin.

He stressed the fact that each church should give a complete systematized report in order to enable him to make an accurate report. He said that a good barometer designating progress was that unusual activity was manifested in building programs (several new buildings and additions are being promoted). $8,263.00 had been pledged for Missions, but $10,141.00 had already been raised. Over four hundred

members have been added to the churches in the Association. A general improvement was noted in most of the churches.

The report on Ministerial Relief and Annuities was presented to the Association, being read by C. W. Ellington, in the absence of R. S. Bolick. It was as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has been operating since 1918, and in addition to paying benefits of more than two and a third million dollars has accumulated in endowments and reserves approximately four and a quarter million dollars.

The greater part of the money paid in benefits has been paid through its Relief Department, the amount being approximately $1,750,000.00, the amount paid in annuities being more than $630,000.00.

It should be understood by the members of our churches that the contributions made by them through the Co-operative Program, unless specially designated otherwise, go to relief of aged ministers and widows, and are not used for producing annuities. The question is often asked why it is that the Board has so much more money for annuities than it has for relief. The answer is that it has paid, through the years, the Relief benefits as fast as the contributions were received, whereas in the Annuity Department the bulk of the payments are to be made in the future and funds are now being accumulated to meet these contractual obligations. Then the question is raised why are Relief benefits so small? The answer, is first, the Relief Endowment is smal, and second, the contributions from the churches are pitifully small. The building up to larger proportions of the Board's Relief Endowment, and an increase in the gifts of the people through the Co-operative Program and by designations to this work will result, automatically, in increased Relief benefits. There are very many needy preachers and widows in the Southern Baptist Convention who receive very little help and many more who receive none at all. Surely our people can and should provide better care for their aged servants.

It is not possible in a brief report to set forth clearly the various annuity plans of the Board. All that can be said here is that the Relief and Annuity Board has definitely set itself to the task of preventing old age dependency unless and until preachers practice thrift and make regular payments to the Board over a period of years for the purpose of providing against the needs of old age and physical disability. Then the churches can and should make sure of the proper future upkeep of their ministers by co-operating with them in the payment of the necessary dues. Until they, from conviction of duty, as well as from a sense of high privilege, participate in this business with their ministers nothing adequate can be accomplished.

The Service Annuity is the major plan of the Relief and Annuity Board for the prevention of old aged dependency, and your committee commends it to the thoughtful consideration of the churches and pastors. Just as the Foreign Mission Board, in recognition of the denomination's obligation to the missionaries who go to lands afar, has entered into an agency agreement with the Relief and Annuity Board and has thereby provided annuities for all foreign missionaries upon retirement after age 65 or earlier in case of breakdown, so the churches should act through this same Board in behalf of their ministers.

Wholly self-provided annuities may be had by the participation of

ministers in either the Board's Savings Annuity or Special Annuity Plans. Information relative to these can be had upon application to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
R. S. BOLICK.

L. L. Hatfield called J. R. Cantrell to the chair and spoke to the report:

The Report on Ministerial Relief and Annuities was adopted.

M. A. Adams made an interesting appeal for The Biblical Recorder.

E. F. Sullivan gave the following report:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If the "bread and butter" motive were the only motive for getting an education; if filling the head with facts and training the mind to think, were all there were to an education; then certainly the state school could fill the bill, and fill it admirably. But we have learned that the true motive for getting an education is not, "What can I get?" but "What can I do for others?" We also know that a correct education includes building of character and the fixing of right attitudes towards life's problems.

Therefore there is still a place for Christian education, education that supplements head training with heart training, that seeks to develop big souls along with big brains. Its Christian motive, its Christian atmosphere, its Christian training, in addition to equal academic opportunities of the state school, combine to make the Baptist school the best place possible for the training of youth. That is why Suthern Baptists continue to keep an investment of over fifty million dollars in Baptist schools.

Leadership is one of the crying needs of our day, cultured capable consecrated leadership, and we must look to our Christian schools to furnish such leadership. We are thrilled when we hear that our schools are filled to overflowing with students. Wake Forest with over 1,000, Mars Hill and Campbell with around 500 each; Meredith and Chowan beginning their greatest year, naturally give us a sense of grateful pride. Then too we are proud of our Southern Seminary, the Bible Institute, the Southwestern Seminary, and the Woman's Training School, all of which are doing a noble work in training leaders.

These schools must have our continued support. About all the attention some churches give our Baptist schools to hear and vote to adopt a report on Christian Education at the district association. Where is there a community that has not been blessed by the products of these schools? We can very effectively aid these schools through the co-operative program for part of the money given through it goes to Baptist schools. Another way to help is to send our fine boys and girls to be trained in these schools. And let us not forget to pray for them. They need our prayers and sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

After being recognized to speak, Brother Sullivan yielded his time to Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, of Mars Hill College, who spoke on "The Value of Christian Education."

He presented to the Association Miss Maude Speagle of Corinth Church, a student of Mars Hill, whom the Association is supporting. She gave a word of appreciation. The report was adopted.

After announcements were made, the Association adjourned for the day with singing, "Savior More Than Life." Closing prayer by Rev. W. P Crouch.

EVENING SESSION

The Association reconvened at 7:05 P. M., and sang as opening Hymn, "What a Friend." S. A. Stroup led the devotional exercises, after which prayer was offered by E. F. Sullivan.

The following report of B. T. U. was submitted to the Association by George Flowers, of Brookford, in the absence of the appointed writer, W. E. Garrison:

REPORT ON BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Our training service in our Association has been blessed in many ways. At our Associational B. T. U. Convention September 8th, reports were made by the Associational Leaders, also District Leaders, which I believe you will agree are very encouraging. From these reports the following record was made:

Twenty of our Churches now have one or more unions. A gain of eight churches. Last year we reported 61 unions, this year we are glad to report 83 unions. We have three new general organizations. Our total enrollment last year was 1,121. We can report this year 1,346. While the records show we have made some progress in this Association. But much remains to be done. Just 50% of our churches have the B. T. Unions. Out of seven thousand church members in this Association, only 20% are in training through our B. T. U. Department. But with this problem before us we have much to encourage us along the way. I believe our leaders and district leaders throughout our association have caught a new vision of their task. Our young people as well as some of our adults are making better records in their local unions. We are striving to meet the requirements of the Standard of Excellence.

Our ultimate goal is to pray and work to get the needed B. Y. P. U. Organization in every church in our association. The greatest need today, as we see it, seems to be the enlistment of church members in the work of the church. I find our people are willing and anxious to work. Many of our people are finding themselves and their places in life through their training in B. T. U., going out to give of their time and talents in special work to advance the cause and mission of His church.

We are asking you this year that you will give us Cooperation and constructive criticism where it is needed.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E GARRISON.

Upon motion to adopt, Parks Harris and E. F. Sullivan made talks on the B. T. U. The report was adopted.

Moderator Hatfield called for Report on Bible Schools, and in the absence of E. F. Hardin, R. K. Redwine submitted the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The importance of our Sunday School work is so tremendous that we need to stress it with ever increasing emphasis. It is through the Sunday School that we present the fundamental teachings of the Bible to the hearts of individuals of all ages, thus seeking to win them to a personal, saving knowledge of Christ, and then to a fuller knowledge and practice of His ideals in their daily lives. In the Great Commission Jesus commands His followers to make and baptize disciples—and then He adds: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Jesus was and is the world's Master Teacher—and much emphasis is laid upon teaching throughout the Bible.

Our hearts rejoice as we think of the mighty army of 33,000,000 members and 3,500,000 of officers and teachers in our Sunday schools throughout the land. This is the mightiest army in the world—and yet, when we consider that in America only one person out of four is enrolled in Sunday school, we are forced to acknowledge that we are just making a beginning in reaching our possibilities.

In our South Fork Association there are 41 churches, forty of which have Sunday schools. Last year we had reports from thirty-eight Sunday schools. Our church membership last year was 6,997. Our Sunday school enrollment was 7,938 pupils and 687 officers and teachers. The Sunday school enrollment, therefore, was 941 more than the church membership. This number does not exceed the church membership as much as it should. Since all church members should be members of a Sunday School, there should be at least twice as many members of our Sunday schools as there are church members.

We discover that our report for 1933 is better than that of 1934. Last year we reported in South Fork Association a loss of 33 officers and teachers, and 36 pupils, over the preceding year. This is a disappointment, but we sincerely trust that this year's report will show a substantial increase.

As we face a new year shall we not resolve to give the Sunday school our heartiest support and through it magnify all of our work? Through the Sunday school we have the opportunity of magnifying the church as the mother of all of our agencies and auxiliaries through which we accomplish our various tasks. In and through the Sunday school we enlist and train workers, teach Baptist doctrines, teach missions and seek to win the lost to Christ. Last, but not least, we are to magnify Christ both by precept and example. The need of the hour is not primarily more knowledge of the Bible—as important as this is—but it is that we translate the ideals of Jesus into daily living, so that the lost will be attached to God's house through our lives, and thus be led to Christ and instructed in His Word.

Respectfully submitted,
ELBERT F. HARDIN.

Upon motion to adopt, Mr. Redwine commented on the report, after which it was adopted.

Supt. G. C. Hewitt gave an address on the Associational Sunday School work.

History of the Brotherhood of Penelope Church was then given by F. G. Womack, as leader. The group sang, "There Is a Fountain." Mr. Womack introduced the officers of the organization. They gave brief talks on the history and progress of the Brotherhood. Their interesting demonstration program was closed by singing, "Amazing Grace."

Moderator Hatfield introduced W. P. Crouch, pastor Calvary Baptist Church, Morganton, who gave an inspirational address based on the 6th chapter of Isaiah.

The Association recessed for the evening, and sang in closing, "Stepping in the Light." Prayer was offered by Mr. Crouch.

SECOND DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1935

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 9:20 A. M., on October 11, 1935, in its second and last day of the 1935 session. Song service was again conducted by S. A. Stroup and opening prayer was led by T. H. Roach. The Praise and Worship Service was conducted by Rev. W. C. Reid, principal of Balls Creek High School, who used the 15th chapter of John as a basis for the topic, "Discipleship", which he discussed. "Majestic Sweetness" was sung.

The Moderator asked for a Report on Temperance and Public Morals, which was given by R. K. Redwine, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

Christianity begins with a personal relation to God and it most certainly produces in men and women, good behavior in all their personal and social relationships. A vital and aggressive christianity applied to life is the most effective solvent for all moral and social problems. Some evils that tend to lower public morals and present a challenge to all christians today are: gambling, secularizing and commercializing Sunday, sexual laxity, the divorce evil, race prejudice, economic oppression and war. All these call for an aroused christian conscience and a determined effort on the part of Christians to counteract these tendencies by personal example and sane teaching.

The Liquor Situation.

A magazine writer recently said, "When and if the depression ends, I'll miss it. Never again shall I have such a chance to air my views on so many subjects of which I know so little and hold the audience. I've had a wonderful work-out, criticizing, lambasting, offering solutions and taking a crack at every head raised above the parapet."

Prohibition is over, at least for the present, and many are missing it. Political spell-binders and opportunists, selfishly inspired capitalists seeking to make money out of liquor or shift the burden of taxes from themselves to a parasite industry, restless sensationalists, obsessed with a desire for changes, pessimists who see only the bad in any good thing, who sincerely believe that change in any direction is progress; writers and radio speakers who got headlines, lucrative employment and loud if not popular applause. All these are missing prohibition.

Repeal swept like an avalanche over the nation. Under all sorts of guises and disguises alcohol has been legalized and popularized. By means of high-powered propaganda, backed by tremendous sums of money, designing men have created a sort of liquor maniac.

Even the most rabid advocates of repeal are having mighty little to say now in defense of the "status quo" of the liquor situation. They even admit it didn't solve all the problems, that it has fallen short of the prophecies made by its advocates.

Temperance advocates loudly acclaim "I told you so. I told you that legalizing liquor would not solve the bootlegging problem. I told you that light wines and beers would not satisfy but rather they would

help to develop appetities for stronger drinks.

"I told you people would not drink less liquor just because it is taken from the outlaw class and clothed with garments of legal respectability.

"I told you that popularized, legalized and advertised liquor makes a stronger appeal than outlawed liquor.

"I told you that liquor control does not mean control of liquor, but control by liquor. It has always protested and defied control, but it extends its control to include individuals, and groups, private citizens, government officials and political parties."

Results of Legalization.

No prophetic vision was necessary to foretell the frightful evil results of legalizing liquor. Since repeal, Keely Institute patients have increased 55% (Sect. of the Institute). In Boston, Mass., drunken women increased 75% in three months (N. Y. Times). Number of insurance applicants under thirty rejected because they were alcoholics increased 149% (Northwestern National Life Insurance Co). Drunken drivers nearly doubled in Virginia under state liquor stores. (Director of Motor Vehicles Division).

Consumption of milk decreased 185,348,000 in the U. S. (U. S. Bureau of Agriculture).

The eyes of many people have been blinded to the destructive effect of alcohol and are led to believe that temperance is moderate use of alcohol. To change the legal status, or even the popular opinion about alcohol does not change its character.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

BE IT RESOLVED:

(1). That we give ourselves anew to teaching the evil effects of all alcoholic drinks, including beer and wine.

(2). That we teach by example and precept total abstinence from the use of all alcoholic drinks.

(3). That we use our utmost influence as christian citizens to keep all laws against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks, as strong as they are at present.

(4). That we make every effort possible to see that the laws are properly enforced.

(5). That it is our sincere desire that courses of study in our public schools can be made to include vital instruction on the evils of alcohol.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD K. REDWINE.

Mr. Redwine spoke to this report.

M. A. Adams suggested that Item 5 be added to the report. After a motion to that effect, the report was adopted.

M. A. Adams, representing the United Dry Forces, then asked for a free-will offering to be taken toward the expenses in the drive in the schools. The Forces are planning to visit the schools in ten counties (10,000 children) of this state. After a vote of the Association, an offering was taken, which amounted to $11.52.

By a vote of the body, the Moderator was instructed to forward this offering to Mr. Cale Burgess, Secretary of the United Dry Forces, Raleigh, N. C.

In the absence of C. G. Ellis, the following report on State Missions, was read by H. B. Jones.

STATE MISSIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

The spirit and motive of Missions, Foreign, Home and State, are identical. It is difficult to understand why one should profess to believe in one and not in the other. The objectives, however, are slightly different. Within the State a distinction is made between Missions, Christian Education, and Benevolence, including the Orphanage and Hospital, whereas Foreign Missions, and with some limitations Home Missions, includes all of these objects. What then is included under the head of State Missions.

For a hundred years the objective of State Missions has been to win the people of North Carolina to Christ and then to the fellowship which the churches provide. In more recent years, notably during the past quarter of a century, another objective has been to train and develop those who come into the churches. With these purposes dominant, State Missions now embraces the following activities:

1. Missionary Pastoral Assistance. "To the poor the Gospel is preached" in needy and strategic places. Many of our strong churches in the state are trophies of State Missions. At present about 130 churches are aided.

2. Student Work. Churches in educational centers are aided in order that they may properly minister to students away from home and the home church.

3. A Sunday School and a B. Y. P. U. Department are maintained. Through these agencies the church membership is taught and stimulated to the end that the church member may devote not only a life but a trained life.

4. Church Building. At the present time, in the face of a serious shortage of funds, several churches, three of them in educational centers, are being aided in paying for adequate church plants.

5. Oteen Hospital. For some years past the Board has made it possible for Rev. Wayne Williams to minister to the sick veterans in the Government Hospital at Oteen, N. C.

6. Indians. Since the Home Board has been compelled to use a large portion of its funds for debt service, the State Mission Board has assumed the responsibility of giving the Gospel to the Indians in our midst, in Robeson and Swain counties.

7. Negroes. Work was begun some years ago, on a very limited scale, among the Negroes. Recently we were forced to discontinue it. Next year it is earnestly hoped that the white Baptists may be able to lend a hand to their quarter of a million Negro brothers. (One Negro man has been employed since March of this year. He is a young, well educated pastor, and seems to be doing a good work).

State Missions, however, in conjunction with Christian Education, has another function, and one which is probably more important than any of those mentioned above. In a very vital sense, Foreign Missions and Home Missions, as well as other objects, wait upon an aggressive program of State Missions and Christian Education. These agencies are

the S. O. S., the Service of Supply for all other agencies. The writer was during the world war in a Combat Division living in the trenches of near the front. But behind the lines, and reaching all the way to the United States, was a continuous line of men and women serving those of us who were on the front. Had they failed in their service of supply to us, disaster would have been inevitable. If likewise State Missions fails, retreat and perhaps disaster will, and ought, to overtake us as a people in our Foreign and Home Mission efforts. Let us, therefore, maintain an aggressive program of State Missions. In so doing we shall not only win North Carolina but the world.

Since this report was printed the Board has employed one general Missionary, M. O. Alexander, who is assisting with the general field work of the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. G. ELLIS.

The vote to adopt was made, and Brother Jones was recognized, but yielded his time to Secretary Huggins.

W. P. Biggerstaff presented the Report on Home Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The work of the Home Mission Board for the past year has been signally blessed of the Lord. From every mission field there comes reports of gracious revivals and large ingatherings of the lost. In Cuba, distraught as it has been by the revolution, the favor of God upon the Gospel preached by our missionaries has been exceedingly gracious. Revival fires have burned high. On the border with our Mexican missionaries and throughout the homeland there has been a perennial revival. Reports show that in every month in all the mission fields the waters have been troubled by the burial of new born souls with Christ in baptism.

The Fields and Services

The Board has in all departments and fields of its work 228 missionaries with 18 additional workers in the Sanatorium, schools and Good-Will centers. It is maintaining 598 mission stations and preaching places; operating in whole or in part five Good-Will centers, two rescue missions and a Seamen's Institute; has 29 schools operated by missionaries in Panama, Cuba and the homeland, and is furnishing the property of eight mountain schools free of charge to local boards of trustees for the operation of schools in the mountains; it is operating the Southern Baptist Sanatorium in El Paso, Texas, which has, since October, 1930, paid its operating expenses; the Board also has a building and loan department with $1,170,000 loaned to churches. The Board last year put 36 new missionaries in the field and opened 76 new missions.

The missionaries of the Board reported last year 3,740 conversions and baptisms, make 39,515 personal contacts with unsaved people, visited in 22,000 homes, distributed 443,225 tracts, Bibles, and pieces of literature, and delivered 19,538 sermons and addresses.

The Budget of Operations.

The Board has endeavored to faithfully perform its stewardship as an agency of Southern Baptists. It has enlarged its mission work, but at the same time has so handled its finances as to live within its income

and pay an appreciable amount each year on it debts.

In 1934 the Board received from all sources $320,030.95. This was $81,330.42 more than it received in 1933. Of this amount the women gave $94,273.57 in their March Week of Prayer and Annie W. Armstrong offering.

The budget fixed for the past year was $150,000 for missionary operations including overhead, and $170,030.95 for interest and principal on debts. The Board operated within this budget and for the first time in many years met all of its obligations without borrowing money for current work.

Looking to the Future.

The old frontiers of Home Missions are changing and new frontiers are taking their place, but the need for the evangelization and Christianization of the homeland remains. Countless millions of our neighbors know not Christ. Many influences are at work to undermine our civilization. The salvation of our country depends upon the enthronement of Christ in the life of our people. Our part in the evangelization of the world depends upon the evangelization and Christianization of our own land.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. BIGGERSTAFF.

The motion was made to adopt, and Brother Biggerstaff called attention to two interesting mission posters on the wall. He spoke briefly to the report, giving part of his time to M. A. Huggins.

F. G. Womack gave the following report:

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

In order to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ more rapidly Southern Baptist have seen fit to organize forces to facilitate the work of foreign missions.

The One Hundred Thousand Club has done much more than contribute $77,308.69. We are exceedingly grateful for this, but with the launching of this club came new hope and renewed faith in the determination of the denomination to pay its debts. Because of the substantial reduction of our debt with this fund from the One Hundred Thousand Club, and the sale of lands and other means, our bankers have kindly given us a reduction of 1% in the amount of interest charged. This saved us approximately $6,000.00 this year in interest charged.

Another force which has facilitated the work in missions is the inauguration of Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest. Cooperation and aid from the Sunday School Board has made this possible. Interest in missions is stimulated by studying missions, coming into closer contact with our missionaries and getting first hand information of conditions on our mission fields. The spirit of giving is stimulated as we hear the missionaries tell of the needs of the work to hasten and more efficiently minister to those without Christ. The spirit of prayer is aroused as we feel more deeply the need of the Savior in heathen lands. Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest is abundantly worth while.

Our work has grown to the point that the Board felt we needed a man to fill a position of Secretary of Education and Promotion. At the present time a man has not yet been appointed to this place. Rev. R. S. Jones, missionary to Brazil was appointed as field representative-at-large. Since November he has been doing a splendid work, organ-

izing all available forces for a greatly enlarger program of mission study in the churches throughout the South. We want to mention here the great help our Baptist book stores are to foreign missions in helping to fill their needs.

Our work has increased and enlarged so that he Board deemed it necessary to create the office of Assistant to the Executive Secretary.

The W. M. U. Lottie Moon Christmas offering last year amounted to $214,000.00. The objective was $150,000.00. This is the result of the united efforts and interest in the cause of missions.

Southern Baptist have 388 missionaries on the field. There were received 21,733 persons into the churches last year. 204,894 Baptist in these lands gave $370,075.66 to the Master's work last year.

The budget for 1935 was fixed at $659,927.74, including the specially supported missionaries. No enlargement or increase will be made until the debt of the Board is paid. The loss in the value of the American dollar abroad has worked a great hardship on the Board and the missionaries.

Ninety years ago the Foreign Mission Board was organized, and on August 8, 1845, appointed Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Clopton as the first missionaries of the Board of South China. Mr. Clopton lived only one year after reaching Canton, but now that is one of the greatest Baptist missions in the world. In ten years the Foreign Mission Board will celebrate its centennial of Missionary achievement. Let us press on with still greater and more strongly united effort to hasten the spread of the Good Tidings of the Prince of Peace.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED G. WOMACK.

Motion to adopt having been made, Brother Womack also gave his time to Secretary Huggins.

The Association sang, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." J. R. Cantrell introduced M. A. Huggins, General Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, who spoke forcefully on "Baptist Progress and Opportunities."

At the conclusion of Mr. Huggins' address, the reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions were adopted.

The time for miscellaneous business having arrived, L. A. McClure, chairman of the committee on place and preacher for next session, recommended that the Association meet with River View church, and that W. R. Bradshaw preach the annual sermon, with W. D. Early as the alternate. The report was adopted.

M. P. Rhyne, for committee on time and place for Spring Session, recommended that same be held at the First Church, Maiden, and that the Spring Session be made an annual meeting, the date being left to the Executive Committee. The Association adopted this report.

After singing, "Come Thou Fount," W. R. Bradshaw made a brief address on "Giving Jesus Christ Our Best", and then introduced Dr. C. E. Brewer, president of Meredith College. Dr. Brewer addressed the Association on "Christian Education."

"Trust and Obey" was sung. The Association was dismissed with prayer by E. F. Hardin.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reconvened at 1:20 P. M. with S. A. Stroup in charge of the song service. J. R. Cantrell, in conducting the devotion service, read and commented on Acts 2:41.

S. M. Stroup, who had charge of the Memorial Service, presented the following Report on Obituaries:

LIST OF DECEASED

FROM

BROOKFORD—Mrs. T. C. Adams, Mr. J. W. Poovey.

CEDAR GROVE—J. A. Hoyle (Deacon).

CENTER VIEW—Mr. M. C. Laney (Deacon).

CORINTH—Mrs. Emma Speagle.

DENVER—Mrs. C. L. McCaul.

GAINSVILLE—Mrs. J. T. Chapman, Mr. Carl Chapman, Mr. Tom Martin.

GOODSONVILLE—Mrs. Z. B. Ritchie.

HICKORY FIRST—Mr. Deck Sparks, Mr. C. L. Stevenson, Mrs. D. J. Lockridge, Mr. James Drum, Mr. S. A. Whitener, Mr. Lonnie Robinson.

WEST HICKORY—Mrs. W. R. Beach, Mrs. Pearl Martin.

HIGHLAND—Mrs. G. G. Bolick.

LAWING'S CHAPEL—Mr. James Shaw, Mrs. Lottie Keener, Mrs. Annie Beard.

LEONARD'S FORK—Rev. S. W. Bennett (Pastor).

LINCOLNTON FIRST—Mrs. N. W. Ross, Mrs. J. A. Hartman, Mr. T. V. Lineberger.

EAST MAIDEN—Mrs. Essie Hildebran, Mr. Calvin Deal.

MAIDEN FIRST—Mrs. Jane Taylor.

MT. RUHAMA—Mr. J. T. Huitt, Mrs. Levene Williams, Mrs. Molinda Abernethy, Miss Torene Murray, Mr. W. Mack Caldwell (Deacon).

MOUNTAIN GROVE—Mrs. Jones F. Abernethy.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—Mrs. W. A. Gilleland.

NEWTON FIRST—Mr. A. L. Ervin (Deacon), Mrs. John Clark.

NORTH NEWTON—Miss Katy Buff.

OLIVET—Mr. P. R. Blackwood, Mrs. Vera Fry, Miss Alma Stroup.

PINEY GROVE—Mr. Lee Setzer (Church Clerk).

PROVIDENCE—Mr. R. C. Young.

REEPSVILLE—Mrs. Brintie Helms.

SALEM—Mr. K. A. McGinnis.

The report was adopted.

Report from Committee on Digest of Church Letters was presented by E. F. Sullivan, which follows: Baptisms this year, 412. Total church membership, 7,236, an increase of 239 over last year. Total Sunday School membership, 7,838, a loss of 100 since last year. Nineteen churches have B. Y. P. U.'s, with 1,294 members enrolled. Fourteen churches report a W. M. U. with an enrollment of 952. Total gifts of all churches to local work, $51,336.94, and total gifts to all Missions and Benevolences of $10,343, making a grand total for all objects, $61,679.94. Ten churches have preaching every Sunday, 24 churches twice a month, and seven churches once a month. Five churches gave nothing to Missions, and eight reported no baptisms.

Twenty-four churches have sent in aims for next year.

The report was adopted.

The Report on the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina was called for and H. B. Jones read the following:

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The Mills Home, located at Thomasville, is headquarters for our Baptist work in North Carolina for the orphan children in our state. It holds a place in the hearts of our people that no other institution can hold. And truly it has a right to that place for the Bible says, "Pure religion and undefiled before God is to visit the widows and orphans in their afflictions." In connection with the Mills Home we have the Kennedy home, near Kinston, which has been in operation since 1914.

Then we have what is called Mothers' Aid to help some in the home without taking them to the Orphanage. And with all this arrangement it is impossible to help all that make application. In 1934 there were around 1,000 applications turned down for lack of space and money to take care of them. Around 900 are being taken care of and helped in the two great institutions and in the homes by Mother's Aid. The management is seeing to it that the children in their care are getting the best possible attention in every respect.

The physical care of the child is looked after with much concern. The mental training of the child is not neglected by any means, but it is being trained by a faculty that is doing its best for them.

Today people in general are getting away from the idea of toil but these children are taught to work, which we believe in the sight of God is right.

Then the spiritual condition is not neglected, for the church at the Mills Home now has a full time pastor who is spending all his time building up the Kingdom of Christ in the hearts of the children. May we do our best to help in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. JONES.

After motion to adopt, the chair recognized Brother Jones, who yielded his time to General Manager, I. G. Greer.

T. P. Pruitt, Associational Representative of the Orphanage, introduced I. G. Greer, General Manager of the Baptist Orpahnage, who discussed the report and brought greetings from Mills Home.

The report on the Orphanage was adopted.

S. A. Stroup asked that the Executive Committee devise some plan in which the History of the South Fork Association by Major W. A. Graham, be worked out for the Association. This matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

The motion, made by S. A. Stroup and seconded by R. K. Redwine, was carried that a brief memorial be written in the minutes for S. W. Bennett, by E. F. Hardin. It is as follows:

> In the home-going of Brother S. W. Bennett our Association has lost a most esteemed and valuable servant of the Lord. Brother Bennett held one of the longest pastorates, if not the longest, in the history of our church at Lincolnton; and he had moved back to that town to live when death summons came. Our Association feels the loss of his presence and labors, but we bow in submission to the will of the Heavenly Father and give thanks for the life and work of Brother Bennett over the long period of time that he served in our Association.

As a result of a motion made by E. F. Sullivan, it was voted that the Fifth Sunday Union meeting be held quarterly, and that this would be a permanent plan.

E. F. Sullivan moved that the Executive Committee prepare the programs for Union Meetings for next year. R. K. Redwine seconded the motion and suggested that this be made a permanent rule. The motion in full was adopted.

It was voted that the funds for programs, postage, etc., for the present session of the Association be paid out of the general treasury.

J. R. Cantrell, Vice-Moderator, was called to the chair, and Moderator Hatfield presented the following resolutions:

> 1st. That each church located off the State Highway be requested to place attractive and substantial sign boards at all road intersections between such churches and the nearest state highways. These sign boards to bear the name of the church and indicate the direction thereto.
>
> 2nd. That the Chairman of the Promotion Committee and the Superintendents of Bible Schools, B. T. U. and W. M. U. be requested to meet with the Executive Committee

as early as practical for the purpose of fixing dates and places for all stated meetings to be held during the year; thereby avoiding conflicting dates for general meetings and making it possible to hold these meetings in a larger number of our churches.

3rd. That in the event any church should become pastorless it is requested to notify the Executive Committee, giving the latter an opportunity to render some service by suggesting the names of ministers who might be available as pastor or supply.

4th. That this Association create the office of Biblical Recorder Representative and elect some one to fill the office for the ensuing year—such officer to visit as many associational meetings as possible, secure subscriptions to The Recorder and be able to the report to the annual Association as to the number of subscribers within the bounds of this Association.

The Resolutions were adopted.

Moderator Hatfield appointed the following Standing Committees:

Religious Literature	W. W. Marr
State Missions	J. R. Cantrell
Home Missions	L. R. Williams
Foreign Missions	Waldo D. Early
Christian Education	R. K. Redwine
Temperature and Public Morals	E. F. Sullivan
Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina	E. F. Hardin
Obituaries	S. A. Stroup
W. M. U.	Mrs. George R. Grice
B. T. U.	P. C. Harris
Ministerial Relief and Annuities	C. W. Ervin
Baptist Hospitals	Mrs. J. W. Bowles
Bible Schools	T. P. Pruitt

Committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee: W. C. Laney, of Brookford; George W. Fox, H. B. Jones.

Program Committee: Fred G. Womack, W. P. Biggerstaff, L. A. McLure.

Please note new office of Representative of Biblical Recorder. G. S. Whisnant, Lincolnton, RFD, was elected to this office.

The Report of the Promotion Committee by E. F. Sullivan was presented:

REPORT OF PROMOTION COMMITTEE

The writer of this report, who was elected chairman of the Promotion Committee last year, has not done all that might have been

done both from lack of ability and for lack of time.

We have endeavored to get a representative from each church to serve on the Promotion Committee, and a majority of the churches have responded, but not all.

Here is given a partial summary of the work accomplished. Four meetings have been held by the committee during the year, one at Newton and three at Maiden. An earnest effort was made last fall to get all the churches to put on a few nights study in preparation for the Every Member Canvass, and to put on the canvass at the proper time. This effort was only partially successful. The twelve objectives given below have been stressed in all parts of the association both privately and in public meetings.

We give here those OBJECTIVES again in order to keep them before our people:

1. Every church with a pastor.
2. A revival in each church—at least once each year.
3. Every church with a Sunday School enrollment at least as large as the church membership.
4. Every church with a B. T. U.
5. Every church with a W. M. S.
6. Every church with a representative on the Associational Promotion Committee, with such Committee functioning throughout the year.
7. Every church contributing to the Co-Operative Program, including both designated and undesignated funds.
8. A club of Charity and Children in every Sunday School.
9. Every Sunday School contributing and remitting to the Mills Home once each month.
10. Every church making a Thanksgiving offering to Mills Home.
11. Every church making an offering on Mother's Day for the Hospital at Winston-Salem.
12. Every church making remittance to the Convention Treasurer at least once each month.

Plans are now on foot to get all our churches to put on immediately a class in Stewardship, using the little booklet by M. A. Huggins which has been revised. This is to be in preparation for the Every Member Canvass in December.

We express appreciation of the valuable services rendered by W. D. Early, new Secretary of our Promotion Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

The report was adopted.

During the election of officers, T. H. Roach took the chair and conducted the election, which resulted as follows:

Moderator	L. L. Hatfield
Vice-Moderator	J. R. Cantrell
Clerk	M. S. Brittain
Treasurer	J. Y. Killian
Supt. S. S. Convention	G. C. Hewitt

Chairman of Promotion Committee.....E. F. Sullivan
Superintendent B. T. U.....W. E. Garrison
Superintendent W. M. U.....Mrs. George Grice

Representatives:

Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina.....T. P. Pruitt
Hospital.....Mrs. J. W. Bowles
Biblical Recorder.....G. S. Whisnant

The committee designated to nominate members to fill vacancies on the Execuitve Committee presented the following names: J. Y. Killian, R. S. Bolick, and W. E. Garrison. They were elected.

After the election, Moderator Hatfield took the chair.

Mrs. Geo. P. Brevard presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

> RESOLVED, That we express to the Pastor and members of Providence, Mountain Grove and Corinth Churches our deep appreciation of their splendid hospitality during this Association. We also wish to express our appreciation for every service rendered in song or otherwise; and especially for the bountiful meals so well served by the women of the churches.

The body stood and sang, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds." The closing prayer was offered by W. D. Early.

All business having been completed, the Moderator declared the annual meeting of the Association adjourned to meet with River View church on Thursday after the first Sunday in October, 1936.

L. L. HATFIELD, Moderator.
M. S. BRITTAIN, Clerk.

Church Directories

EXHIBIT A. B. T. U. PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	GENERAL DIRECTOR	ADULT PRESIDENT	SENIOR PRESIDENT	INTERMEDIATE LEADER	JUNIOR LEADER
Antioch			B. M. Smith R-3, Lincolnton		
Brookford	Mae Bolick Brookford	Mrs. J. J. Stepp Brookford	Clyde Thompson Brookford	Mary Hilton and R. S. Bolick	Lillian Pope and Katie Miller
Brown Memorial	Edwin Witherspoon Hickory				
Catawba	Miss Mae Danner Catawba	Mrs. W. R. Keith Catawba	Miss Stella Coulter Catawba	Miss Maggie Brown Catawba	
Cedar Grove			Mrs. M. W. Hoyle Maiden		M. W. Hoyle R-1, Maiden
Corinth	Miss Cletus Speagle R-3, Vale		Miss Frankie Propst Hickory		
Goodsonville	W. H. Boyles Lincolnton	W. A. Summie Lincolnton	Miss Leila Smith Lincolnton	Walter Buchanan Lincolnton	Maggie Icard Lincolnton
Hickory First	R. M. Perry Hickory	Mrs. C. W. Ellington Hickory	L. H. Bogle Hickory	Mrs. R. K. Redwine Hickory	L. O. Varner Hickory
West Hickory	Everett Propst W. Hickory				
Highland	E. M. Suggs Hickory	Mrs. E. M. Suggs Hickory	Paul Davis Hickory	Mrs. James Chester Hickory	C. M. Knipp Hickory
Lincoln Ave	J. A. Sain R-5, Lin'ton		J. A. Sain R-5, Lincolnton	Miss Velma Hallman L'n'ton	Virginia Seagle Lincolnton
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincolnton	F. M. Warlick Lincolnton	Mozelle Senter Lincolnton	Mrs. F. F. Hard'n Lincolnton	Margaret Brevard Lincolnton
Macedonia	Miss Evelyn Ewing Iron Sta.		Miss Evelyn Ewing Iron Sta.	Wilvie Ewing Iron Station	
East Maiden	J. D. Turner Maiden	Nellie Laney Lincolnton	Haskel Sides Lincolnton	Irene Cook Lincolnton	Allie May Laney Lincolnton
Maiden First	T. H. Caldwell Maiden	E. B. Goodin Maiden	Miss Helen Huffman Maiden	W. C. Laney Maiden	Mrs. Geo. Lowman Maiden
Mt. Zion	Frank Soder Alexis			Eulah McClure Alexis	
Mtn. Grove	Miss Bonnie Huffman Hickory		Miss Dorothy Link Hickory	Mary Huffman R-1, Hickory	Mrs. Harry Fry R-1, Hickory
Newton First	Mrs. J. R. Cantrell Newton		Thelma Robertson Newton	Mrs. J. R. Cantrell Newton	
Olivet	Sloan Alexander Long Island		Madeline Lytton Long Island	J. C. Saunders R-2, Catawba	Lucile Brown Long Island
Penelope	G. S. Robinson Hickory	H. A. Starnes West Hickory	Phoebe Fulbright R-3, Hickory		
River View	Gwyn Blackburn R-4, Lin'ton		Edna Whitesides Lincolnton	Mrs. Romie Hicks R-4, L'n'tn	

EXHIBIT B. W. M. S. AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	W. M. S. PRESIDENT	Y. W. A. COUNSELOR	G. A. LEADER	R. A. LEADER	SUNBEAM LEADER
Antioch	Mrs. B. M. Smith Lincolnton				
Brookford	Mrs. J. E. Thompson Brookford				
Catawba	Mrs. Ben Wall Catawba				Miss Susie Danner Catawba
Goodsonville	Mrs. L. S. Mauney Lincolnton	Mrs. E. P. Burke Lincolnton	Mrs. Glenn Dellinger Lin'ton		Miss Leila Smith Lincolnton
Hickory First	Mrs. L. P. Frans Hickory	Mrs. R. K. Redwine Hickory	Miss Donnie Hudson Hickory	Mrs. Eugene Wolfe Hickory	Mrs. E. N. Carr Hickory
Highland	Mrs. B. E. Correll Hickory	Mrs. E. F. Sullivan Hickory	Mrs. A. C. Ogren Hickory		Mrs. W. B. Duncan Hickory
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernethy Lin'ton				
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. S. W. Bennett Lin'ton				
Lincoln Ave	Mrs. W. K. Stoner Lin'ton				
Lincolnton First	Mrs. L. O. Shuford Lin'ton	Mrs. Emily Eaton Lincolnton	Mrs. C. L. Knight Mrs. Brady	Mrs. E. T. Childs, Jr Lin'ton	Helen Murphy Lincolnton
East Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams Maiden				
Maiden First	Mrs. Chas. G. Ellis Maiden	Mrs. C. G. Ellis Maiden	Mrs. G. J. Lee Maiden		Miss Virginia Sigmon Maiden
Mtn. Grove	Mrs. Frank Link Hickory	Mrs. Harry Fry R-1, Hickory			
Newton First	Mrs. J. W. Hol'ngsw'th Newton	Mrs. C. C. Canipe Newton	Mrs. J. R. antrell Newton		Mrs. B. R. McCreight Newton
Penelope	Mrs. W. A. Cook W. Hickory	Mrs. F. G. Womack Hickory		Colon Kanipe West Hickory	Mrs. C. S. Smith W. Hickory
River View	Mrs. W. P. Biggerstaff L'n'tn		Mrs. S. A. Rhodes Lincolnton		

EXHIBIT C **HISTORICAL TABLE**

DATE OF MEETING	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHED SERMON
October 24, 25, 26, 1912	Maiden First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	I. T. Newton
October 23, 24, 15, 1913	Mount Holly	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. J. Beach
October 22, 23, 24, 1914	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. C. Barrett
October 27, 28, 29, 1915	West Hickory	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. S. Connell
October 25, 26, 1916	East Gastonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. D. Harte
Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 1917	Newton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	.....
November 21, 22, 1918	Belmont First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. L. Vipperman
October 29, 30, 1919	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. R. Bradshaw
October 27, 28, 1920	Mountain Grove	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. W. Rimmer
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1921	Lawing's Chapel	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	.....
September 28, 29, 1922	River View	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. C. Whitener
September 27, 28, 1923	Catawba	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. R. Freeman
October 2, 3, 1924	Penelope	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. M. Robinson
October 1, 2, 1925	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	T. C. Singleton
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1926	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. D. Barton
September 29, 30, 1927	Corinth	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. A. Ivey
September 27, 28, 1928	Mt. Ruhama	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	R. G. Short
September 26, 27, 1929	Mount Zion	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	E. F. Hardin
October 2, 3, 1930	Warlick's	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	C. F. Pittman
October 1, 2, 1931	Maiden First	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	J. R. Cantrell
September 29, 30, 1932	Mountain Grove	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	M. I. Harris
September 28, 29, 1933	Olivet	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	R. K. Redwine
September 27, 28, 1934	Macedonia	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	W. W. Marr
October 10, 11, 1935	Providence	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	T. H. Roach

STATISTICAL REPORTS

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	DAYS OF MEETING	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Papers
				Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Deaths	Exclusions	Erasures					
Amity	Marv'n G. Chapman ..... Goodsonville	Second, Fourth	33	10	1							44	No	1	2	
Antioch	H. W. Bucom ..... Gastonia	Second, Fourth	35		1	1						37	Yes	2	4	
Bethel	J. B. Pain ..... Whitney	Second	52									52	No	1	1	
Brookford	W. C. Laney ..... Brookford	Every	182	4	7	5	2	3	2	3	2	190	Yes	2	3	3
Brown Memorial	W. R. Bradshaw ..... Hickory	First, Third			74							74	Yes			5
Catawba	S. A. Stroup ..... Catawba	First, Third	204	1	3			1				207	Yes	1	1	3
Cedar Grove	M. G. Chapman ..... Lincolnton	First, Third	30	2		1		5	1			27	Yes	1	4	
Center View	L. A. McClure ..... Alexis	First, Third	154	14	4			11	1			160	Yes	1	2	
Corinth	W. D. Early ..... Vale	Second, Fourth	150	4	4			4	1			153	Yes	1	1	5
Denver	L. A. McClure ..... Alexis	Fourth	12						1			11	No	1		
Faith	T. H. Roach ..... R-5, Lincolnton	Third and Night	58	9		4		10				61	Yes	1	2	5
Gainsville	L. A. Bangle ..... Lincolnton	Second, Fourth	124	5	4			2	3			128	No	1	1	5
Goodsonville	H. B. Jones ..... Lincolnton	Every	276	12	6		1	15	1	1	6	272	Yes	2	4	2
Hickory First	R. K. Redwine ..... Hickory	Every	777	35	45			54	6	3	23	771	Yes	1	4	40
West Hickory	W. W. Marr ..... Hickory	Every	211	7	5		1	10	2			212	Yes	2	4	2
Highland	E. F. Sullivan ..... Hickory	Every	512	39	23	9	2	32	1	8		544	Yes	1	4	51
Kid's Chapel	P. K. Drum ..... Maiden	Fourth	14	17	16							47	No	1		
Lawing's Chapel	L. A. McClure ..... Alexis	Second	189	16	6			13	3			195	Yes	1	2	2
Leonard's Fork	T. H. Roach ..... R-5, Lincolnton	First	59						1			58	No	1	2	3
Lincoln Avenue	A. A. Lockee ..... Lincolnton	Second, Fourth	147	22	22	2		4				189	Yes	2	1	3
Lincolnton First	Elbert F. Hardin ..... Lincolnton	Every	278	1	21	1		25	3		3	270	Yes		4	20
Long Shoals	S. M. Stroup ..... Alexis	Second	12									12	No	1		
Macedonia	W. P. Biggerstaff ..... Lincolnton	Second, Fourth	239	11				8				242	Yes	1	2	
East Maiden	L. R. Williams ..... Maiden	First, Third	185	17	11			14	3			196	Yes	1	3	5
Maiden First	C. G. Ellis ..... Maiden	Every	447	17	22	2		7	1			480	Yes	1	2	1
Mt. Ruhama	L. A. McClure ..... Alexis	First, Third	276	39	22			10	5		2	320	Yes	1	2	
Mt. Zion	W. P. Biggerstaff ..... Lincolnton	Second, Fourth	130	15	2			6	1			140	No	1	2	
Mtn. Grove	W. D. Early ..... R-3, Vale	First, Third	115	12	1	1		4	1			124	No	1	2	1
Mtn. View	L. R. McClure ..... Alexis	Fourth and Night	149	1	2			2	1			149	No		2	
Newton First	J. R. Cantrell ..... Newton	Every	365	9	16	3		14	2			377	Yes	1	3	14
North Newton	R. G. Short ..... Newton	Second, Fourth	98	3	3			4	1		1	98	Yes	1	1	4
Olivet	S. A. Stroup ..... R-2, Catawba	Second, Fourth	249	16	1		1	14	3			250	No	1	1	10
Penelope	F. G. Womack ..... Hickory	Every	370	25	2	2		2				397	Yes	2	4	5
Piney Grove	R. G. Short ..... Newton	Third	48	4					1			51	No	1	2	
Providence	W. D. Early ..... R-3, Vale	Second, Fourth	105	9			2	3	1			112	No	1	1	1
Reepsville	J. H. Phillips ..... Linconton	Every	110	3				3	1			109	Yes	1		11
River View	W. P. Biggerstaff ..... Lincolnton	First, Third	135	22	3	1	1					162	Yes	1	4	11
Salem	Albert Campbell ..... Lincolnton	First, Third	104	1	6			3	1			107	No	1	2	
Sharon	S. M. Stroup ..... Alexis	First, Third	67					4				63	No		2	1
Southside	L. R. Williams ..... Maiden	Second, Fourth	123	10	10			3				140	Yes	1	3	
Warlick's	Jack Keller ..... Hickory	First, Third	95	9	3			7				100	No	1	1	1
		TOTALS	6919	421	346	32	10	297	48	15	37	7331	25	43	85	214

TABLE II. SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION								
		Beginners 3 to 5 Years	Primaries 6 to 8 Years	Juniors 9 to 12 Years	Intermediates 13 to 16 Years	Young People 17 to 24 Years	Adults 25 Years Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is It Standard?	Teachers With Diplomas	Baptisms From School	Have You a Mission School	Enrollment of Mission School	Did You Hold a D. V. B. S.	Enrollment of D. V. B. S.	Av. Attendance of D. V. B. S.
Amity	J. W. Benfield, Goodsonville	31		38		24	62			5	160	90	No	No		10	No		No		
Antioch	R. L. Pendleton, R-3, Lincolnton	23		21						9	53	60	No	No	1		No		No		
Bethel	Everette Mullins, Lincolnton	16		13	17	10	11			9	76	43	Yes	No	4		No		No		
Brookford	B. B. Bishop, Brookford	14	22	66	42	47	38	25		32	286	150	Yes	No		3	No		No		
Brown Memorial	Z. W. Brown, Hickory	12	12	15	15	15	34	3		20	126	60	Yes	No			No		No		
Catawba	C. W. Irvin, Catawba	8	17	11	19	45	24	10	15	15	164	76	Yes	No	6		No		No		
Cedar Grove	M. W. Hoyle, R-1, Maiden	10	14	18		25	8			9	84	55	No	No	3	2	No		No		
Center View	J. P. Turbyfill, R-2, Maiden									14	14	97	No	No			No		No		
Corinth	C. C. Propst, R-1, Hickory	5	10	20	20	17	29	18		14	133	60	Yes	No	9	3	No		No		
Denver													No	No			No		No		
Faith	P. L. Sigmon, R-1, Alexis		5			18	15	6			44	21	No	No		3	No		No		
Gainsville	C. C. Houser, Crouse	10	8	15	20	11	13			8	85	60	No	No		1	No		No		
Goodsonville	R. L. Wilson, Lincolnton	30	27	40	39	41	56	60		18	311	169	Yes	No	12	10	No		No		
Hickory First	T. P. Pruitt, Hickory	38	94	143	116	141	168	71	60	92	923	429	Yes	No		31	Yes	51	Yes	225	170
West Hickory	C. H. Brittain, R-1, Hickory	25	33	46	49	30	69	13		33	298	176	Yes	No		7	No		No		
Highland	B. E. Correll, Hickory	33	54	98	74	94	133	85	40	53	664	276	Yes	Yes	31	37	No		Yes	121	100
Kid's Chapel	Mrs. Abner Keever, Iron Station	12		15	15		23			7	72		Yes	No			No		No		
Lawing's Chapel	J. H. Fish, R-3, Lincolnton	16	9	17	25	11	43	14			135	79	Yes	No	7	10	No		No		
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse	5	5	10			20			6	46	25	No	No	3		No		No		
Lincoln Avenue	J. A. Saine, R-5, Lincolnton	29	26	37	25	76	94	18		17	322	150	Yes	No	5	12	No		No		
Lincolnton First	G. R. Grice, Lincolnton	15	17	34	36	19	42	8		42	213		Yes	No			No		No		
Long Shoals	C. C. Caskey, R-4, Lincolnton									7	57	35	No	No			No		No		
Macedonia	M. L. Cash, R-3, Lincolnton									10	148			No		8	No		No		
East Maiden	E. H. Williams, Maiden	25	12	15	25	27	30	10		30	174	162	Yes	No	12	17	No		No		
Maiden First	J. W. Williams, Maiden	39	57	63	61	98	134			27	479	269	Yes	No	15	14	No		No		
Mt. Ruhama	G. W. Caldwell, R-2, Newton	12	20	43	50	45	82	20		15	287		Yes	No		34	No		No		
Mt. Zion	Ben Shelton, Alexis										95	60	No	No	7	11	No		No		
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Echard, R-1, Hickory	14	13	28	26	19	36			13	149	70	Yes	No	3	11	No		No		
Mtn. View	W. W. Moore, Maiden										115		No	No			No		No		
Newton First	C. D. Jessup, Newton	14	48	80	35	42	95	35	6	22	377	200	Yes	No	14	8	No		No		
North Newton	C. F. Witherspoon, Newton	18	16	19	19	22	60	6		17	177	101	No	No	12	4	No		No		
Olivet	J. C. Saunders, R-2, Catawba	14	14	25	42	72	30			22	219	135	Yes	No	12	15	No		No		
Penelope	J. B. Phillips, R-3, Hickory	33	45	91	65	34	87	25		45	425	210	Yes	No		19	No		No		
Piney Grove	E. L. Barker, R-2, Claremont										65	45	No	No			No		No		
Providence	M. S. Brittain, R-1, Hickory	9	8	28	12	19	20			16	112	57	Yes	No	14	9	No		No		
Reepsville	Marvin Scronce, R-1, Vale	10	6	11	21	18	20	7		14	107	85	Yes	Yes	9	10	No		No		
River View	G. S. Caldwell, R-1, Lincolnton	16	8	17	48	35	136			12	272	150	Yes	No	3	15	No		No		
Salem	S. A. Hovis, R-5, Lincolnton	9	10	13	19	16	12			8	87	52	Yes	No	2	1	No		No		
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy, Iron Station	3		6	12	16	10			4	51	25	Yes	No			No		No		
Southside	Gilbert Whitesides, Southside		14	40	13	65	33	18		10	193	14	Yes	No		8	No		No		
Warlick's	Juanita Mull, Icard		15	13	18	14	26	8		10	104	70	Yes	No	4	9	No		No		
	TOTALS	548	639	1149	978	1166	1693	460	121	685	7902	3916	27	2	188	322	1	51	2	346	270

TABLE III. CHURCH PROPERTY AND AIMS FOR NEW YEAR OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	When Was Church Built?	CHURCH PROPERTY: Value Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's ome	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness On Church Property	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Will Have a Real Revival	Will Correct Church Roll	S. S. Enrollment Equal to Church	Organize W.M.S. & B.T.U.	Will Secure Recorder Subs.	Will Have Club Charity & Children	Will Remit Funds Monthly	Will Take Special Offering for Orphanage	Will Take Special Off. for Hospital	Elevate Level of Spiritual Living & Giving	Aim for Co-Operative Program	Aim For Orphanage
Amity	E. L. Ballard R-1, Iron Station	1905	$ 800	$	$ 800	$												
Antioch	B. M. Smith R-3, Lincolnton	1922	1 200		1 200													
Bethel	R. W. Long R-3, Lincolnton	1896	1 200		1 200													
Brookford	George Flowers Brookford	1910	15 000		15 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	700 00	150 00
Brown Memorial	C. O. Ellis R-2, Hickory	1935	10 000		10 000	3 000												
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	1875	7 000		7 000													
Cedar Grove	Lela Beal R-1, Maiden	1902	300		300												15 00	10 00
Center View	J. F. Hovis R-1, Maiden	1915	2 500		2 500		Yes		Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	50 00	25 00
Corinth	Miss Elma Stallings R-3, Vale	1885	2 000		2 000		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	80 00	35 00
Denver	W. F. Keener Davidson	1914	1 500		1 500													
Faith	P. L. Sigmon R-1, Alexis	1905	1 000		1 000													
Gainsville	C. C. Houser Crouse	1923	1 800		1 800		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12 00	22 00
Goodsonville	J. P. Williams R-3, Lincolnton	1922	4 200	2 000	6 200	800	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	200 00	200 00
Hickory First	J. D. Greene Hickory	1900	90 000	4 000	94 000	11 261											4000 00	800 00
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy Hickory	1904	7 500	1 500	9 000	1 500											120 00	60 00
Highland	A. T. Fox Hickory	1912	25 000	5 000	30 000	350											1500 00	200 00
Kid's Chapel	W. A. Poole Iron Station																	
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. G. Henry R-3, Lincolnton	1908	2 000		2 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	60 00	25 00
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	1882	1 000		1 000												40 00	15 00
Lincoln Avenue	W. K. Stover Lincolnton	1927	10 000		10 000	1 650	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100 00	50 00
Lincolnton First	Geo. P. Brevard Lincolnton	1921	75 000	5 000	80 000	9 900	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	500 00	175 00
Long Shoals	S. J. Johnson Lincolnton	1919	1 000		1 000													
Macedonia	W. A. Potts R-3, Lincolnton	1922	10 000		10 000													
East Maiden	E. H. Williams Maiden	1927	4 500		4 500	675	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100 00	60 00
Maiden First	Laura Hill Setzer Maiden	1929	20 000	3 000	23 000	3 300											150 00	100 00
Mt. Ruhama	G. W. Caldwell R-2, Newton	1912	3 500		3 500													
Mt. Zion	Dan Long Stanley	1869	2 500		2 500		Yes				Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes		100 00
Mtn. Grove	G. F. Huffman R-1, Hickory	1881	2 000		2 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100 00	50 00
Mtn. View	M. O. Gilleland Maiden	1900	2 000		2 000												100 00	50 00
Newton First	Perry D. Huitt Newton	1914	26 500	5 000	31 500	900	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	300 00	125 00
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant Newton	1921	1 500	1 300	2 800		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	26 50	34 00
Olivet	H. E. Fisher Long Island	1884	2 000	1 600	3 600													
Penelope	L. F. Yoder R-3, Hickory	1888	9 000	2 000	11 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	150 00	50 00
Piney Grove	Henry Etta Setzer Newton	1905	400		400													
Providence	Millie Whitener R-3, Vale	1892	2 500		2 500		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	50 00	25 00
Reepsville	D. C. Beaver R-1, Vale	1935	2 000		2 000	300	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25 00	10 00
River View	R. L. Chronister Lincolnton	1922	5 800	2 000	7 800												75 00	100 00
Salem	Ralph Garrison R-5, Lincolnton	1930	2 500		2 500	64												
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	1900	500		500													
Southside	Miss Alice Huss R-4, Lincolnton	1925	4 000		4 000		Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25 00	25 00
Warlick's	E. T. Berry Icard	1932	7 000		7 000	500	Yes		Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15 00	10 00
	TOTALS		$368 200	$ 31 400	$400 600	$ 31 200	19	16	17	13	15	16	18	19	19	19	$8493 50	$2486 00

TABLE IV. GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK												
		PASTOR'S SALARY	OTHER SALARIES	Paid on Church Debt and Interest	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., W. M. S., and B. Y. P. U.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Given by All W. M. U. Organizations	Given by Sunday School	Total For All Local Purposes By Church and All Organizations
Amity	Miss Landie Ballard R-1, Iron Sta.	$ 25 00	$ 13 00	$	$	$	$	$ 15 36	$	$ 1 00	$	$	$	$ 54 36
Antioch	G. M. Martin R-3, Lincolnton	100 00	10 00			14 00	5 00	25 00	10 00	1 00	10 00			175 00
Bethel	R. W. Long R-3, Lincolnton	79 33			24 30	628 39		17 12		1 00				750 14
Brookford	R. S. Bolick Brookford	1 200 00			49 50		242 18	151 66		5 00	53 19		418 43	1701 53
Brown Memorial	Geo. W. Fox Hickory	120 00				3000 00		25 00	2 00	2 00	118 00		143 00	3267 00
Catawba	Neil Wyke Catawba	525 00			85 85	538 16	73 82	124 56	5 00	2 00	61 91	34 15	228 87	1416 30
Cedar Grove	Lela Beal R-1, Maiden	52 15			13 95		1 60	18 91		90	22 16		15 91	109 67
Center View	W. W. Laney R-1, Maiden	234 56			35 28	440 24	25 64			2 75	4 14			742 61
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant R-1, Hickory	293 28			44 55		21 10	49 91		2 40			49 91	411 24
Denver	B. L. Beal Iron Station	45 88								45				46 33
Faith	Mrs. Della Bradshaw R-1, Alexis	82 16			19 21	9 01		7 92		1 75	18 65			138 70
Gainsville	W. M. Ingle Crouse	93 15					20 00	25 00		50				138 65
Goodsonville	V. D. Chapman Lincolnton	1 458 00		253 31	135 60	59 60	163 39	203 43	23 70	4 70	243 04	86 97	296 05	2544 77
Hickory First	H. G. Stephens Hickory	3 000 00	600 00	1938 50	150 00	90 71	2380 14	663 85	243 68	25 00	128 35	231 35	674 84	9220 23
West Hickory	Thomas Shell Hickory	1 149 50		457 50	60 10	108 34	96 45	135 87	5 00	3 60				2116 36
Highland	J. T. Shipman Hickory	2 118 20	239 00	505 10	87 86	199 61	250 89	379 10	11 25	12 00	195 71			3998 72
Kid's Chapel		25 00				30 00				30				55 30
Lawing's Chapel	J. G. Henry R-3, Lincolnton	378 32			37 43	12 75	92 67	35 49		3 80	75 00	5 90	34 59	635 46
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	100 00			21 00		3 50	14 17		125 00	7 00		14 17	146 92
Lincoln Avenue	W. H. Hallman Lincolnton	367 50			27 00	18 68	111 78	222 65		2 90	139 86		148 40	890 37
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincointon	2 150 00	15 00	900 00		89 23	381 81	269 98		10 00	6 01		282 55	3822 03
Long Shoals	Mrs. Eula Rhyne R-4, Lincolnton	20 00								50				20 50
Macedonia	Ren Ewing R-1, Iron Station	234 19			40 00		50 00	30 00		2 00	53 00			409 19
East Maiden	J. D. Turner Maiden	282 65		59 71	39 22	225 00	40 00	215 80	8 00	3 00	32 50	50 00	205 80	905 88
Maiden First	Tom Carpenter Maiden	1 493 06		782 92	65 06	51 45	579 79	149 11	4 92	3 20	9 70	11 92	473 76	3139 21
Mt. Ruhama	Robert Drum R-2, Newton	474 29				13 00	7 87	37 00	39 26	5 00	10 00			586 42
Mt. Zion	E. A. Sadler Alexis	241 41			32 50	420 00	11 55	34 37	50 00	1 25	30 00			821 08
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckard R-1, Hickory	300 00			15 00			42 07		2 45	79 33	5 00	54 66	438 85
Mtn. View	C. F. Killian Maiden	238 53			10 00			23 70		2 90				275 13
Newton First	C. D. Drum Newton	1 800 00		310 00	80 00		239 35	158 76		5 00	38 65		296 44	2631 76
North Newton	J. R. Murray Newton	388 17		236 21	35 00	14 00	54 48	96 22	12 00	1 50	10 00		105 68	847 58
Olivet	W. W. Ervin Catawba	425 00			75 00	15 00	66 77	81 00	10 00	3 00	49 92			725 69
Penelope	W. A. Cook West Hickory	1 397 50		225 00	103 50	262 38	147 97	221 00	25 00	3 80	56 11			2442 26
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy Catawba	77 13			17 66	11 12		14 91		25	16 67			137 74
Providence	D. W. Brittain R-1, Hickory	199 63			37 50	21 00	3 00	14 66		2 00	23 00			300 79
Reepsville	Amos Scronce R-1, Vale	69 95			40 00	1700 00	2 36	20 40		1 50				1834 21
River View	P. L. Coffey R-4, Lincolnton	700 00			38 00	758 80	72 24	57 67		3 00	54 40			1684 11
Salem	John R. Avery R-5, Lincolnton	139 83		89 80	28 15			18 19	3 37	1 00	10 00			289 34
Sharon	Edna Lineberger Iron Station	29 85						8 63		70				39 18
Southside	Frank Parker Southside	259 20			25 75	15 00	49 00	47 55	8 00	2 70	60 00			467 20
Warlick's	R. S. Icard Rhodhiss	100 00		500 00	30 00	6 00	9 00	22 00		2 00				669 00
	TOTALS	$22,467.42	$ 877 00	$6,258.05	1,503.97	$8,751.47	$5,203.35	$3,678.02	461 18	130 05	1616 30	425 29	3443 06	50,946.81

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, BENEVOLENCES, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian and Ministerial Education	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Given by W. M. U. Organizations	Given by the Sunday School	Total Missions and Benevolences Given by Church and All Departments	Total For All Local Purposes	Grand Total Given for All Purposes
Amity	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 54 36	$ 54 36
Antioch				3 00			2 00						5 00	175 00	180 00
Bethel	4 00						9 28					9 28	13 28	750 14	763 42
Brookford	557 27		7 45				131 60	18 00				157 05	714 32	1701 43	2415 75
Brown Memorial	70 18		5 18				40 00				5 18		115 36	3267 00	3382 36
Catawba	41 40		5 18	12 10	6 80		46 16	5 00			53 85	48 66	119 81	1416 30	1536 11
Cedar Grove				2 17				2 00					4 17	109 67	113 84
Center View	1 93		4 00	3 43	7 50	1 50	19 95	4 00	1 85	4 62			48 78	742 61	791 39
Corinth	68 20		2 35	6 39	2 04		31 56	1 02				36 62	111 56	411 24	522 80
Denver														46 33	46 33
Faith	27 66						16 63	1 27				17 90	45 56	138 70	184 26
Gansville	12 25						2 50					2 50	14 75	138 65	153 40
Goodsonville	198 25		33 17	9 36			186 12	13 50	58 24		103 14	233 95	498 64	2544 77	3043 41
Hickory First	3 210 37		35 25	14 00	252 36		737 74	77 28		99 00	443 65	591 94	4426 00	9220 23	13646 23
West Hickory	100 00					50 00	12 50			5 00		67 50	167 50	2016 36	2183 86
Highland	1 038 20		22 21	15 82			158 20	17 20		9 75	9 75	213 43	1261 38	3998 72	5260 10
Kid's Chapel							4 00						4 00	55 30	59 30
Lawing's Chapel	22 75		2 63				20 06	2 50			16 55	17 24	47 94	635 46	683 40
Leonard's Fork	18 75		4 10	3 00	10 00		10 54	1 79		1 00	25 65	12 33	48 58	146 92	195 50
Lincoln Avenue	73 38						39 24	5 13			84	44 37	117 75	890 37	1008 12
Lincolnton First	220 76	10 00	40 78	51 84	86 15		171 49	26 45		46 13	204 13	237 01	653 60	3822 03	4475 63
Long Shoals							1 50						1 50	20 50	22 00
Macedonia	7 46						13 00					13 00	20 46	409 19	429 65
East Maiden			4 00	5 75	30 17		44 59	5 82			9 00	81 33	90 33	905 88	996 21
Maiden First	88 22		40 74	7 10			123 02	32 05		36 92	88 37	171 06	328 05	3139 21	3467 26
Mt. Ruhama	77 78						40 07	13 62				20 07	131 47	586 42	717 89
Mt. Zion	43 80		13 08	8 07	8 05		77 97	8 60		5 90		77 97	165 47	821 08	986 55
Mtn. Grove	42 27		14 19	9 30	10 20		51 86	13 00		9 00	17 47	52 61	149 82	438 85	588 67
Mtn. View														272 23	272 23
Newton First	301 23		7 07	48 75			110 23	10 00			289 80	120 23	477 28	2631 76	3109 04
North Newton		1 50	11 50	11 50	5 00		29 25	7 60				73 10	66 35	847 58	913 93
Olivet	80 00												80 00	725 69	805 69
Penelope	101 11		5 20	2 75	20 00		20 25	7 47			64 28		156 78	2442 26	2599 04
Piney Grove	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	14 41		4 50	1 00			22 91	23 91	137 74	161 65
Providence	35 00		2 00	2 00	2 50		25 00	8 50				40 00	75 00	300 79	375 79
Reepsville			4 26		3 00		2 00			40 00			49 26	1834 21	1883 47
River View	112 16						74 50	8 00			46 47	93 24	194 66	1684 11	1878 77
Salem							27 60					2 60	27 60	279 44	307 04
Sharon			1 00				12 20						13 20	39 18	52 38
Southside	25 00				13 42		12 00					25 42	50 42	467 20	517 62
Warlick's														66 900	669 00
TOTALS	$6,579.78	$ 11 50	$ 269 51	$ 217 33	$ 458 19	$ 65 91	$2,304.61	$ 294 30	$ 61 09	$ 257 32	$1,429.93	$2,483.32	10,519.54	50,934.18	61,453.72

TABLE VI. B. Y. P. U.'s OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Index No.	CHURCHES	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers All Unions
1	Amity													
2	Antioch		1	1	1	3		21	15	10	46	19	25	
3	Bethel													
4	Brookford	1	1	2	2	6	13	12	25	30	80	32	42	44
5	Brown Memorial													
6	Catawba	1	1	1		3	14	16	14		44	13	18	25
7	Cedar Grove		1		1	2		16		12	28	21	15	
8	Center View													
9	Corinth													
10	Denver													
11	Faith													
12	Gainsville													
13	Goodsonville	1	1	2	1	5	11	18	30	18	77	25	43	76
14	Hickory First	1	4	4	3	12	25	68	57	38	188	71	88	136
15	West Hickory	1	1	2	1	5	11	15	28	21	75	30	46	47
16	Highland	1	1	1	2	5	17	13	22	33	85	37	20	46
17	Kid's Chapel													
18	Lawing's Chapel													
19	Leonard's Fork													
20	Lincoln Avenue		1	1	1	3		16	22	31	69	18	33	30
21	Lincolnton First	1	1	1	1	4	20	12	29	15	76	35	47	48
22	Long Shoals													
23	Macedonia		1	1		2		15	20		35			
24	East Maiden	1	1	1	1	4	10	12	15	16	53	23	26	38
25	Maiden First	1	1	1	1	4	14	13	19	11	57	12	12	21
26	Mt. Ruhama													
27	Mt. Zion		1	1		2		14	20		34	34	34	34
28	Mtn. Grove		1	1	1	3		19	21	11	51	19		21
29	Mtn. View													
30	Newton First		1	1	1	3		25	20	30	75		10	30
31	North Newton													
32	Olivet		1	1	1	3		22	37	19	78	29	36	38
33	Penelope	1	1	2	2	6	36	18	41	38	133	39	58	59
34	Piney Grove													
35	Providence													
36	Reepsville													
37	River View		1	1		2		17	34		51			
38	Salem													
39	Sharon													
40	Southside													
41	Warlick's													
	TOTALS	10	22	25	20	77	171	362	469	333	1335	457	553	693

TABLE VII WOMAN'S WORK, ETC., OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Index No.	CHURCHES	No. Missionary Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled Mission Study Courses
1	Amity													
2	Antioch	1					1							
3	Bethel													
4	Brookford	1					1	15					15	
5	Brown Memorial	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	5	
6	Catawba	1				1	2	14				8	22	
7	Cedar Grove													
8	Center View													
9	Corinth													
10	Denver													
11	Faith													
12	Gainsville													
13	Goodsonville	1	1	1		1	4	14	17	12		18	61	21
14	Hickory First	1	1	2	1	1	6	158	26	24	14	22	244	39
15	West Hickory													
16	Highland	1	1	2		1	5	19	12	24		12	67	9
17	Kid's Chapel													
18	Lawing's Chapel	1					1	9					9	
19	Leonard's Fork													
20	Lincoln Avenue	1					1	12					12	
21	Lincolnton First	1	2	2	1	1	7	50	27	23	19	35	154	99
22	Long Shoals													
23	Macedonia													
24	East Maiden	1					1	10					10	
25	Maiden First	1	1	2		1	5	15	30	36		8	89	
26	Mt. Ruhama													
27	Mt. Zion													
28	Mtn. Grove	1	1				2	9	12				21	
29	Mtn. View													
30	Newton First	1	1	1	1	1	5	30	15	17	15	20	97	20
31	North Newton													
32	Olivet													
33	Penelope	1	1	2	2	1	7	48	20	18	25	15	126	
34	Piney Grove													
35	Providence													
36	Reepsville													
37	River View													
38	Salem													
39	Sharon													
40	Southside													
41	Warlick's													
	TOTALS	15	10	13	6	9	53	404	160	155	74	139	932	188

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CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as South Fork Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to educate to the ministry, men called of God and approved by the Church to which they belong; to support the Gospel throughout the bounds of the Association; to assist Baptist churches in erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible by all our people; to promote the work of the Bible School and Young People and to co-operate with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention in all departments of their work.

3. This Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the several member churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association and Chairman of all standing committees. Each church of one hundred members or fraction thereof shall be entitled to two messengers, and for each additional fifty members, an additional messenger; provided, that no church shall have more than five messengers.

4. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected on the closing day of each annual session and shall serve through the next annual meeting.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee for the Association, consisting of the Moderator, ex-officio, and nine members representing the different sections of the Association. The nine members shall be divided into equal groups and elected for one, two and three years. As the terms expire, the successors shall serve for terms of three years. At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three to nominate, at the following annual session, members to fill vacancies of the Executive Committee. Vacancies occurring between sessions of the Association may be filled until next session by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Failure without good reason to attend at least two meetings of the Executive Committee during the year shall disqualify any member from serving the following years. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions and report annually to the Association and bring to the Association such recommendations as they may consider wise.

6. The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the First Sunday in October, at ten A. M. The hours for the convention of further sessions of the Association shall be fixed by the Moderator or by the Program Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. This Association shall hold four quarterly union meetings each year, the same to be held each fifth Sunday afternoon. There shall also be an annual Spring session, the same to be purely inspirational. These meetings to be under the direction of Executive Committee, the necessary expenses to be paid from the general fund.

8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee for each annual session, composed of three members, one of which shall be the Pastor of the church with which the Association will meet. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a program for the next annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The number of the messengers shall be ascertained each day previous to proceeding with the business of the Association.

3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one else to preside if he wishes to vacate the chair.

4. The Parliamentary Procedure shall be in accordance with Ker-foot's "Parliamentary Practice," which shall be final authority on any question of procedure arising during the deliberation of the Association.

5. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and shall superintend the printing of the Minutes at an annual salary of $35.00.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

L. L. HATFIELD, Hickory, N. C. ..... Moderator
J. R. CANTRELL, Newton, N. C. ..... Vice-Moderator
J. Y. KILLIAN, Newton, N. C. ..... Treasurer
M. S. BRITTAIN, R.F.D. 1, Hickory, N. C. ..... Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Expires 1937

E. F. Sullivan, Hickory
T. H. Caldwell, Maiden
C. W. Ervin, Catawba

Term Expires 1938

J. Y. Killian, Newton
R. S. Bolick, Brookford
W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton

Term Expires 1939

W. C. Reid
M. S. Brittain
B. M. Smith

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

G. C. Hewitt, Newton ..... Associational Superintendent
Mrs. Lela Stepp, Brookford ..... Supt. Hickory District
C. W. Ervin, Catawba ..... Supt. Catawba District
G. S. Whisnant, R.F.D. 3, Lincolnton ..... Supt. Maiden District
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse ..... Supt. Lincolnton District
Miss Katie Burke, Goodsonville ..... Supt. East-Lincoln District
Mrs. Rose Gregg, Newton ..... Secretary-Treasurer

W. M. U. CONVENTION

Mrs. J. Oscar Shuford, Lincolnton ..... Superintendent
Mrs. R. H. Bowles, Hickory ..... Associate Superintendent
Mrs. Carl Canipe, Newton ..... Secretary
Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory ..... Treasurer

District Leaders

Mrs. W. D. Duncan ..... Hickory District
Brs. J. R. Cantrell ..... Newton-Maiden District
Mrs. George Grice ..... Lincolnton District
Mrs. W. A. Cooke, Hickory ..... Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Lincolnton ..... Personal Service Chairman
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse ..... Literature Chairman
Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Hickory ..... Young People's Leader
Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Hickory ..... Worker-at-Large

OFFICERS OF B. T. U. ORGANIZATION, SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION FOR 1937

W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton ..... Leader
Miss Beatrice Cline, Maiden ..... Ossociate Leader
Miss Louise Honeycutt, Lincolnton ..... General Secretary
Miss Margaret Honeycutt, Lincolnton ..... Corresponding Secretary
Miss Rebecca Lawrence, Hickory ..... Chorister
Miss Lila Sullivan, Hickory ..... Pianist
Mr. S. C. Duncan, Hickory ..... Adult Leader
Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Hickory ..... Senior Leader
Miss Eulalia McClure, Alexis ..... Intermediate Leader
Miss May Wright, Hickory ..... Junior Leader
Miss Ada Hauss, South Side ..... Story Hour
Miss Donnie Hudson, Hickory ..... District No. 1
Miss Stella Elliott, Catawba ..... District No. 2
Mr. J. D. Turner, Maiden ..... District No. 3
Mrs. C. F. Clanton, Jr., Boger City ..... District No. 4
Mr. Anderson Britt, Lincolnton ..... District No. 5

LIST OF MESSENGERS
(SESSION, 1936)

Church	Messengers	Visitors
Amity	J. A. Miller, Pat Mullen	1
Antioch	Ralph L. Pendleton	0
Bethel	None	2
Boger City	Mrs. Gladys Sutton, Mrs. Lester Goodson, Mary Benfield, Mrs. S. A. Hutchins	2
Brookford	Mrs. Ella Bishop, Helen Simpson, Dorothy Foster	0
Brown Memorial	George W. Fox, Z. W. Brown	1
Catawba	Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Miss Etella S. Coulter, Miss Lillian Bridges, C. W. Ervin, H. A. Witherspoon, R. H. Brown	2
Cedar Grove	John E. Rhodes, John W. Beard	2
Center View	H. M. Laney, J. B. Turbyfill, M. M. Laney, W. W. Miller	9
Corinth	J. A. Wilson	1
Denver	None	0
Faith	P. L. Sigmon, J. W. Helton	5
Gainesville	N. F. Caldwell, C. C. Houser	0
Hickory, First	Mrs. R. C. Carlton, Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Mrs. Eugene Wolff, Mrs. R. H. Bowles, C. W. Ellington, R. M. Perry, Sara L. Pruitt	11
Highland	Robert Hesson, Pearl Davis, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Mrs. Vosco White, Mrs. J. R. Long	2
Kid's Chapel	None	0
Lawing's Chapel	J. S. Whisnant, Mrs. W. M. Lawing, Mrs. J. J. Henry	0
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. J. W. Hoover	4
Lincoln Avenue	W. W. Caldwell, M. F. Dellinger, F. M. Hallman	0
Lincolnton, First	Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Mrs. J. W. Bowles, Mrs. W. L. Abernethy, W. E. Garrison, Mrs. Geo. R. Grice	7
Long Shoals	C. C. Caskey, P. A. Kiser	0
Macedonia	C. E. Ewing, J. A. Williams, W. A. Path	0
East Maiden	Ophelia Cooke, R. B. Kuck, E. H. Williams	4
Maiden, First	R. E. Danner, E. B. Goodin, Mrs. F. H. Caldwell, F. H. Caldwell, Beatrice Cline, Mrs. P. H. Cline, E. B. Goodin	0
Mt. Ruhama	Mrs. Roy Ratchford, Geo. W. Caldwell, R. B. Laney, Roy W. Ratchford, W. C. Reed	8
Mt. Zion	Mrs. M. J. Hager, Mrs. Mace McClure, G. E. Hovis, Mrs. L. A. McClure, Eulalia McClure	3
Mt. Grove	G. F. Huffman, E. S. Echerd	1

Mt. View	G. W. Lawing, M. G. Gilleland, L. P. Gilleland	0
Newton, First	Mrs. Carl Canipe, Mrs. J. W. Coley, L. B. Beal, Mrs. John Lancaster, Mrs. Bertha Burns, Mrs. L. B. Beal	2
North Newton	J. R. Whisnant, C. L. Barker, J. T. Whisnant, Mrs. J. E. Link, Mrs. N. N. Whisnant	0
Olivet	Gertrude Stroup, Myrtle Williams	0
Penelope	Mrs. Julius Butler, Julius Butler, Mrs. W. C. Coffey	0
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy, P. E. Caldwell	0
Providence	T. S. Obee, W. F. Huffman	4
Reepsville	Mrs. Schronce, McKinley Schronce, Mrs. Charley Scronce	1
River View	Mr. S. A. Rhodes, J. T. Coffey, G. W. Punch, Mrs. Ida Rhodes, A. M. Harless	30
Salem	F. D. Helms, Mrs. A. M. Lowman	0
Sharon	Sam Dellinger, R. E. Hovis	0
Southside	William Justice, Alice Huss, Irene Summitt, Mrs. Lillie Carpenter	1
Warlick's	Mrs. Helen McGuise, F. L. Icard	3

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Associational Officers	4
Pastors and Ministers	18
Official Messengers and Alternates	123
From Associational Churches (other than messengers)	158
State Officers and Representatives	6
Visitors from Local Community	65
Visitors from Outside Association	30
Pastors and Ministers Outside Association	3
Total Registered Attendance	407

NUMBER OF VISITORS
Association

Caldwell	3
French Broad	1
Gaston	10
Kings Mountain	5
Mecklenburg	3
South Mountain	1

NUMBER OF VISITORS
Other Denominations

Lutheran	4
Methodist	3
Presbyterian	1

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Smith Hagaman R. F. Terrell W. Perry Crouch
I. G. Greer J. P. Armstrong

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1936

The South Fork Baptist Association convened at 9:50 A. M., the 8th day of October, A. D., 1936, in its 58th annual session, with River View Baptist Church, in Lincoln County, North Carolina, with those messengers in attendance as shown by list of messengers.

Moderator L. L. Hatfield called the meeting to order. S. A. Stroup, who was director of music for the annual meeting, led the opening hymns. T. H. Roach had charge of the devotional service.

The messengers from the churches were enrolled.

At this time Moderator Hatfield recognized visitors to the Association.

J. R. Cantrell introduced the new pastors, who were as follows: C. H. Henderson, of Providence, Corinth and Mountain Grove Churches; and Frank Grigg, of Long Shoals.

F. G. Womack presented the report of the program committee. It was adopted.

After the Moderator made several announcements, and the hymn, "More About Jesus" was sung, S. A. Stroup read W. W. Marr's report on Religious Literature, which follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

The country is flooded with reading matter, some good, some bad. People are reading more widely than ever before. Reading provokes thought, and as one thinketh in his heart so is he. Therefore, wisdom of careful selection of the things we read.

Thousands of good books are coming from the press every day, therefore read and be wise. We, as Baptists, are printing such periodicals, "The Biblical Recorder," "Home and Foreign Field," and "Charity and Children," for the express purpose of keeping our people informed on all phases of our work.

We recommend these periodicals to every Baptist home in North Carolina and in the Southern Baptist Convention. This is essential if we are to be intelligent Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. MARR.

Brother Stroup was recognized to speak, but yielded his time to Rev. R. F. Terrell, Circulation Manager of Biblical Recorder, who made a strong appeal for The Biblical Recorder, and explained the

ten per cent plan. The report was adopted.

Mrs. George R. Grice presented the following report on W. M. U.:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

In this great South Fork Association of ours and throughout the Southland, the women are laborers together with God. Women ministered to our Lord's bodily needs when He was here on earth. They were first at the Tomb; they begin then telling the story of a risen Savior, they are still telling it. We often grow discouraged and find ourselves wondering if it is worth while. Then we can see the hurt expression on the face of our Savior for He too, faced these very same things we are facing—only worse. This gives us new courage, new interest and new visions. So we march on. We heartily commend to the Pastors the Missionary soul-winning purposes of personal service. Much of this is being done in our association. The work of training the youth of our churches in Missions is our task. Let's not fail.

Someone has said, We know only Jesus Christ can change tomorrow's world, but we know also that even He could not do it without today's youth. These words should challenge the most untiring efforts and call forth the deepest devotion of Women's Missionary Union in behalf of Missionary education of youth.

Our aim is a W. M. S. and Young People's organization in every church. With the help of our Master and the co-operation of every Pastor, this can be done.

We have 24 W. M. S., a gain of five over last year, and 31 Young People's organizations, a gain of eleven over last year. Making a total of 55 W. M. U. organizations giving $2,171.49.

Our women are going slowly but steadily forward, not doing our best, but helping in our small way to send the Message in Jerusalem and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEORGE R. GRICE.

Mrs. Grice introduced Rev. R. A. Kelly, of Belmont, who spoke on the report. He based his topic, "The Missionary Enterprise," on Acts 13.

The Report on the W. M. U. was adopted.

Pastor Biggerstaff made announcements with regard to lunch and entertainment of visitors for the night.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed the following visitors: Mrs. Kelly, Rev. W. D. Early, and Mrs. Early.

The Moderator asked the clerk to read the appointments of the following committees:

Place and Preacher for 1937 Session—Clayton Stallings, G. S. Whisnant, and R. M. Perry.

Digest of Church Letters—E. F. Sullivan, C. H. Henderson, and W. P. Biggerstaff.

Auditing Committee—E. F. Hardin, T. H. Roach, and H. B. Jones.

J. Y. Killian, Treasurer of the Association and Trustee of Scholarship Fund, presented his annual report, which was as follows:

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND—1936

Funds on hand and invested as follows:	
Notes, Town of Maiden, N. C.	$1,500.00
Notes, W. D. Hursey, Claremont, N. C.	500.00
Notes, B. B. Burris, Newton, N. C. (note dated Nov. 2, 1935)	200.00
Oct. 1, 1936—On deposit at Shuford National Bank (formerly $402.85)	400.85
	$2,600.85

Receipts

Interest for one year on Town of Maiden note ($1,500.00)	$ 90.00
Interest for one year on W. D. Hursey note ($500.00)	30.00
Interest for one year on B. B. Burris note ($200.00)	12.00
May 16-'36—Drew from the $402.85 Bank deposit	2.00
	$ 134.00

Disbursements

Nov. 11-'35—Paid Mars Hill College on Miss Speagle's tuition	$ 30.00
Nov. 25-'35—Paid Mars Hill College on Miss Speagle's tuition	90.00
May 16-'36—Paid Mars Hill College on Miss Speagle's tuition	14.00
	$ 134.00
Balance due Mars Hill College on Miss Speagle's tuition	$ 16.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. Y. KILLIAN, Trustee.

Minute Fund, Clerk Hire, and General Expenses of the Association

Oct. 1-'35—Balance on hand, from previous year, at Shuford National Bank	$ 16.46
Oct. 10-'35—Nov. 9-'35—Collection for expenses of the Association	132.15
Total Assets	$ 148.61

Disbursements

Oct. 12-'35—Stamps and charges for cashing money orders	$ .35
Nov. 4-'35—Rev. Perry Crouch's expenses to the Association	3.00
Nov. 4-'35—Programs for annual Association meeting	6.00
Dec. 14-'35—Hickory Printing Co. for Minutes	84.40
Dec. 14-'35—M. S. Srittain—salary ($25.00) and postage	27.40
April 25-'36—Expenses for union meetings	6.55
Opril 25-'36—Expenses for Spring Association	11.17
Sept. 25-'36—Expenses for union meetings	4.00
	$ 142.87
Balance on hand	$ 5.74

Respectfully submitted,

J. Y. KILLIAN, Treasurer.

Motion was made to accept the report.

After singing the hymn, "Revive Us Again," W. R. Bradshaw of Brown Memorial preached the annual sermon on the topic, "Voices From Calvary." He read his Scripture lesson from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

After singing the hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," the Association adjourned at 12:40 for lunch, which had been prepared by Riverview Church, with Lincolnton and Southside Churches assisting.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 1:20 P. M. After a brief song service, S. M. Stroup conducted the devotional period.

Moderator Hatfield recognized a visitor, Mrs. Bridges.

E. F. Sullivan gave the following report:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee has functioned throughout the year and now is called upon to render an account of its stewardship, which we gladly do.

We have prepared programs, advertised and put on the four Union Meetings of the year. We did the same for the spring session of the Association on Easter Monday. The attendance at these meetings was never better.

Last fall we met, according to the instruction of this body, and mapped out the places for all the general meetings so as to avoid conflicts and overlapping, and to more evenly distribute these meetings. Our effort has been to touch every church possible, and especially our weaker churches, with one of the meetings.

Our churches are now paying the minute fund without taking up time with appeals for it at the sessions of the Association. But besides the clerk-hire and the printing of the minutes, the Executive Committee is called upon to furnish postage, printed programs, and often the traveling expenses of outside speakers. The usual minute fund, even when supplemented with the hat collections at our meetings, does not meet these legitimate expenses. Therefore the Executive Committee, feeling that the churches did not wish us to do the work and foot the bills too, sent a request with the church letter to each church asking for a larger amount to be designated as minute and expense fund.

Miss Fern Hudson of Providence church was sent this fall to Mars Hill College, her tuition to be paid out of our scholarship fund. One church in this Association, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, received aid this year from the General Board.

This Association last year committed to the Executive Committee the task of investigating the advisability of bringing up to date and publishing the History of the South Fork Association by Major W. A. Graham. A sub-committee of the Executive Committee was assigned this task, and it will likely report at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. SULLIVAN.

The report was adopted. In connection with the adoption a motion was made to appoint a Historical Committee to write a History of the South Fork Association.

C. G. Ellis made a motion that Brother Bradshaw's picture, along with a resume of his sermon, be placed in The Biblical Recorder. It was adopted.

The State of the Churches was next pressented in the following manner:

(1) One Minute Report from Each Church. As the roll of the churches was called, the following gave a report: Amity, Brookford, Brown's Memorial, Catawba, Cedar Grove, Center View, Corinth, Maiden, Boger City, Hickory First, West Hickory, Highland, Lawing's Chapel, Leonard's Fork, Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnton First, Long Shoals, Macedonia, East Maiden, Maiden First, Mt. Ruhama, Mt. Zion ,Mtn. View, Newton First, Olivet, Penelope, Piney Grove, Providence, Reepsville, River View, Sharon, Southside, and Warlick's.

The following churches gave no report: Antioch, Bethel, Gainesville, Kid's Chapel, North Newton, and Salem.

(2) Preliminary Report on Digest of Church Letters was given by C. W. Ervin. The adoption was left for a final report.

The Co-operative Program was presented as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

In submitting a report on this subject we wish to refer to the report made last year, in which some comparative statistics were furnished, showing the growth and size of the Relief and Annuity Board of our denomination, located at Dallas, Texas. The figures of which run into a large sum. And to the average layman may seem to be adequate to meet the situation. But our people should be made acquainted with the fact that the Annuity department operates much like an insurance organization and is beneficial only to those who have participated in its premiums, and in direct relation to the amount contributed.

Unfortunately those who in the future will need this aid, are not in a position to take advantage of the possibilities offered. Therefore these people have only one other hope; and that is thru the relief department of this board. For your information there are far more applications than can possibly be filled with present resources.

For this reason this board should find a much bigger place in our hearts and pocket books. Because, First, The board continually faces the great task of providing food, clothing and shelter for many of those ministers who have grown old in the service of the Lord, and for many widows of these men.

The upturned faces and the out-stretched hands of these needy and worthy members of our churches should make a mute appeal to us more fortunate and get a generous response and regular. Who of us could begrudge a fair contribution to keep the wintry frosts from chilling the weary frames of these aged veterans of the Cross?

Second, the younger men who are now active, many of them and of

their widows will, unless something is done, become dependents on the church or on society in the future. For few of them will be able to build up a reserve against that day. And certainly they cannot depend on their children, for with the salaries most of them get the children will be handicapped to start with. Hence it behooves us to begin at once this belated task of building up a fund adequate to meet this pathetic situation.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. ERVIN.

Mr. Ervin spoke briefly to the report. It was adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, with its fine staff of 66 doctors and surgeons, and a school in which nurses are trained with the Christian idea of service, is owned and controlled by the Baptists of North Carolina, and is state-wide in its service.

Since the Hospital was opened in 1923, more than 33,000 patients have entered for treatment. We shall have this year about 4,000 patients; of this number, almost one-half will be part-pay and free patients. We had more than 14,000 free days last year. This year, as we are now running. we shall go beyond that number. We shall have at the present rate 19,932 part-pay and free days, or 1,458 free and part-pay patients. This, with our present capacity, cannot be increased as we are running as full as possible.

We received from the Duke Endowment last year a little more than $14,000.00. Apart from this, we are dependent upon the Churches and Sunday Schools, through their Mother's Day offerings, for the hospitalization of this vast number of free and part-pay patients. It costs $3.87 per day to care for a patient in the Hospital.

The different organizations of our women are rendering an exceedingly valuable service for the Hospital by furnishing linen, such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, tray covers, etc. These are always needed and gratefully received. We will gladly furnish a list, giving the specifications, of linens used in the Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. W. BOWLES.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Bowles to speak to the report, but she yielded most of her time to Smith Hagaman, who was expected later. She did stress the need for linen, and urge the members to remember the Hospital, especially on Mother's Day. The Hospital Report was adopted.

Moderator Hatfield recognized Mr. Easom, a visitor from Shelby, who gave a word of greeting and sang to the Association, "Wonderful Man of Galilee."

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This report does not attempt to deal with the whole field of Christian Education. The agencies making valuable contributions along this line are many. Outstanding among these agencies have been our Christian Schools.

What is a Christian School? A school having a definite and positive

Christian aim: a school in which the president and members of the faculty are active Christians: a school in which the Bible has a commanding place in the curriculum: a school that is pervaded by a distinct Christian atmosphere.

Such schools do not have to apologize for their existence, but on the other hand their records amply justify all the sacrifices that have been made for their support. They have been our greatest sources of leadership in all the years of American history. Seven out of eight college graduates on the Supreme Court bench were from Christian schools. Nineteen of our nation's Presidents have been college graduates, while 16 of the 19 were from Christian colleges. Eighteen of the 25 masters of American lettters were college men and 17 of the 18 were from Christian colleges. Two-thirds of the men who have achieved great prominence in our nation's Congress were graduates from Christian colleges. Among distinguished men listed in "Who's Who," graduates from Christian colleges are three times as numerous as graduates from other colleges.

Christian schools justify the claim that they give intellectual training inferior to none plus moral and spiritual culture that other schools cannot offer. The inferiority complex that some people have regarding their denominational schools has no foundation except ignorance of what these schools really are.

Our first Baptist schools came out of a great missionary movement. They were founded by God-inspired men, with a great missionary passion, with a consuming desire to do the will of God and extend His Kingdom. They were founded for the purpose of effectively promoting the Kingdom of God on earth. The same purpose was in the minds of those who built them up by toils and prayers and sacrifices. We who have entered into their labors must keep faith with the founders and builders and with God who strengthened them by keeping the aims and purposes of our schools high and noble.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST SCHOOLS—We have three seminaries and two missionary training schools with an enrollment last year of 1191 under a faculty of 73 members and with property and endowment listed at $6,179,610.00.

We have 29 senior colleges, that enrolled last year 16,491 students. Of these 939 were students for the ministry and 219 were student volunteers for definite Kingdom work. These colleges list the value of their property and endowments at $46,173,474.54.

We have in the South 21 Baptist junior colleges with property and endowments of $7,186,346.77. They enrolled last year 4,439 students. The ministerial students numbered 206 and the student volunteers 129.

Sixteen academies, with property and endowments of $1,865,667.43, enrolled 1,776 students, 127 of whom were ministerial students, 82 student volunteers.

A summary shows the property and endowment value of Southern Baptist schools to be $61,466,836.27. The total enrollment in the regular sessions last year was 23,897. Ministerial students 2061, Sturent Volunteers 832.

Did you hear somebody say, Baptist schools are losing out? A national survey made in April, 1934, showed that colleges as a whole in the U. S. lost approximately nine per cent during the preceding year while Baptist senior colleges made a gain of eight per cent. At the close of our schools in 1935 they showed an increase over 1934 of 11 per cent and in 1936 an increase over 1935 of 13 per cent. Junior colleges throughout the South show a slight decrease. That is not true of Junior colleges in North Carolina.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST SCHOOLS—North Carolina Baptists

have a rich heritage in our great schools. In our Convention System we have three senior colleges, Wake Forest, Meredith and Chowan; and two junior colleges, Campbell and Mars Hill. Boiling Springs and Wingate are junior colleges, but do not belong to our Convention.

The property and endowment value is listed at $6,428,552.00. The enrollment last year was 2,779. There were 196 ministerial students and 80 volunteers for special Christian work.

These schools constitute one of our greatest denominational assets. They offer the greatest educational opportunities to the girls and boys of Baptist homes.

BAPTIST PEOPLE, APPRECIATE YOUR SCHOOLS MORE. SUPPORT THEM MORE LOYALLY. PATRONIZE THEM UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD K. REDWINE.

Brother Redwine yielded his time recognized to speak to his report to Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, of Mars Hill College, whose address followed, after the assembly sang one verse of the hymn, "The Kingdom is Coming." Dr. Blackwell stressed the importance of Christian Education. He said that our churches send one per cent to Christian colleges, whereas the Christian colleges send back 90 per cent of our Christian leaders. The report on Christian Education was adopted.

(Pastor Biggerstaff made an announcement concerning the entertainment of visitors for the night.)

After Mr. Easom led the singing of "The Old Rugged Cross," E. F. Hardin presented Dr. C. Frank Pittman, Greenville, S. C., who delivered a sermon on the topic, "The Baptist Needed For This Day." Dr. Pittman used as a basis the following Scripture: Genesis 12, John I, and Romans 1:14. "Stewardship, as Paul had," he said, "is needed today. The Baptist we need is the one with the whole world on his heart."

After singing the hymn, "Throw Out the Lifeline," the Association adjourned for the afternoon.

EVENING SESSION

The Association reconvened at 7:05 P. M., and sang as opening hymn, "Take Time to Be Holy." L. A. McClure led the devotional exercises. Miss Coulter of Catawba sang a special song, "Have Thine Own Way."

Miss Eulalia McClure made the following report for Mr. W. E. Garrison:

REPORT ON BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Our training camp for young folks in our churches of our Association has been blessed, and proved a blessing in many ways. At our Associational B. T. U. Convention, Sept. 27, 1936, held with Highland church,

Hickory, N. C., reports were made by the Associational Leaders, also District Leaders, that show progress has been made, and are very encouraging. From these reports the following record was made: 26 of our churches have one or more unions. A gain of 6 churches over last year. Last year we reported 77 unions, this year we are happy to report 93. We have 9 Adults, 27 Seniors, 30 Intermediates, 22 Juniors and 4 Story hour unions. 21 general organizations, a gain here over last year. Our total enrollment last year was 1,335, this year we report 1,517. Thus our reports show we have made some progress in this Association. Our Ridge Crest report from our State Secretary shows that we made more progress in our Association than any other Association in our state. A record to be proud of, and one that should lead us to work even harder than we have this past year, for much remains and needs to be done. The harvest truly is plenteous and ready. About 21 per cent of our church members are in training through our B. T. U. Department. But even with this problem before us we have much to be thankful for, and to encourage us along the way. I know our leaders, both Associational and District throughout our Association are better trained and have caught a new vision of the great opportunity. But shall we wait for opportunity to find us?

Most of our local unions are making better records, and many of them are doing special work. We are striving to meet the requirements of the Standard of Excellence, not for the Standard, but for the efficiency. We also pledge ourselves to endeavor to do our part, as asked by the Sunday School Board, during the next five years.

Our ultimate goal is to pray and work to get the needed B. Y. P. U. organizations in every church in our Association. The greatest need today as we see it, seems to be more trained workers, and enlistment of church members in the work of the church. Many of our people are finding their life's work through their B. T. U. training, and are going out to give their time and talent in special work. Thus bringing His kingdom into the hearts and lives of men.

We, the Associational leaders and B. T. U. folk, desire, and need your prayers and co-operation in our work—your work. Gladly we will accept suggestions and tasks that you may have to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

EULALIA McCLURE.

Chair recognized Miss McClure to speak, but she yielded the time to W. E. Garrison, who spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

Due to the absence of the next speaker, Mr. G. C. Hewitt, a song, "I'll Live For Him," was sung at this time.

T. P. Pruitt presented the following report:

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

If we would win the men and women of tomorrow to Christ, we must look to our Bible Schools of today. When eight (8) out of every ten (10) joining our churches by profession of faith come directly out of the Sunday Schools, we get some conception of the importance of our teaching organization.

Our task is to reach and teach. Are we reaching our own Baptist constituency? Positively no. Records show that in the past 20 years Southern Baptists have enrolled more people in Sunday School than all other denominations put together; and, yet, in spite of this showing, there are ten and one-half million prospects for our Baptist churches. Our record in North Carolina is just as challenging. In this State, there are over

EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (800,000) prospects for our Baptist Sunday Schools. Every Sunday morning, there are three people outside Sunday School for every one in attendance. We have no accurate statistics on our Association, but the ratio will, I am convinced, show about the same situation in Catawba and Lincoln Counties as exists throughout the State.

We can not recall the past; we can do something about the future.

Our Sunday School Board has adopted a 5-year program, which includes the enrollment of 500,000 new pupils by 1941. This means 100,000 each year. North Carolina should enroll at least 50,000 of these new pupils or 10,000 each year.

Our Association should enroll at least 400 of these prospects each year.

We can not teach them until we reach them. Too many of our schools are forgetting this. We have too long been neglecting the ingathering of those we should be reaching. A Religious Census can give you the prospects. A visitation can get them into the Sunday School.

Brother Pastor, are you giving as much time and thought to your church's teaching service as you should? Deacons, are you backing our Superintendents with your presence and your active co-operation? Do we ever ask ourselves the question, "WHAT KIND OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WOULD OUR SCHOOL BE IF EVERY CHURCH MEMBER WAS JUST LIKE ME?"

The churches that are growing have grown Sunday Schools. The churches that are giving have Sunday Schools that are teaching the doctrine of stewardship.

No Sunday School can develop beyond the vision of the Pastor and the Superintendent.On them rests the responsibility of leading the way.

The great Teacher placed great emphasis on teaching. He said, "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD OND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU."

In presenting this report, we urge renewed acceptance by the churches of the Sunday School as an instrument in the hands of Christian people to magnify the church, to prevent crime, promote preaching attendance, keep Bible teaching under church control, win the lost to Christ, teach Missions and enlist in Missionary practices.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. PRUITT.

Mr. Pruitt was recognized to speak to the report. He emphasized the words, reach, teach, and preach. His report was adopted.

A motion was made by S. A. Stroup, and seconded by L. A. McClure that the Moderator appoint someone to write something suitable to go in the minutes as a memorial to L. A. Bangle. It was adopted.

G. S. Whisnant, chairman of the Committee on Place and Preacher for 1937 Session, recommended that the Association meet with Catawba Church, and that E. F. Sullivan preach the annual sermon, with C. H. Henderson as the alternate. (The recommendation was adopted.)

After C. G. Ellis gave timely thoughts for closing meditation from John 3:16 and 2nd Corinthians 9:15, the Association sang in closing, "Come Into My Heart." W. P. Biggerstaff offered a closing prayer.

SECOND DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1936

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 9:20 A. M., on October 9, 1936, in its second and last day of the 1936 session. Song service was conducted again by S. A. Stroup, and opening prayer was led by M. A. Adams. The Worship Service was conducted by A. A. Lockee, who used the 14th chapter of John as a basis for the topic, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life," which he discussed. "To the Work," was sung.

The Moderator welcomed visitors. Among them was Smith Hagaman, Superintendent of Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. After a motion was made and seconded, it was voted to give Mr. Hagaman ten minutes to talk to the Association. He gave a brief memorandum of a day's work at the Hospital. By a number of instances he showed that great missionary work is done there. Most of the sentiments from the patients had this keynote: "It is blessed to be here where God is honored."

Moderator Hatfield asked for a Report on Temperance and Public Morals, which was given by E. F. Sullivan, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

No true Baptist church and no true Baptist can ever afford to stand for anything less than the highest standard of public morals. While we in no sense condone conditions in our Christian schools, we find little comfort in the charge that moral laxness in the churches is undermining the moral life of our schools.

We would not be pessimistic, but there is a determined effort on the part of some to commercialize the Sabbath, legalize gambling, encourage divorces, and in general to break down all standards of modesty, honesty, and upright living. How we do need as never before to love, guard, train, and warn our young people lest they fall into these snares of the devil.

Now, strong drink is the greatest cause for low morals in our land. Liquor always breeds crime, debauchery, and disrespect for everything clean and good.

We were assured by the wets that repeal of the eighteenth amendment would help our country by causing less drinking, less crime, less alcoholic deaths, and less traffic slaughter on our highways. But legalizing liquor has never and can never help anything except the pockets of those who profit out of their deluded victims. So far, we are told that the liquor stores in the eastern counties have scooped up three million dollars in cold cash, and what have they given in return, only broken lives, broken vows, broken hearts, broken homes, and broken laws. Liquor never builds it always destroys. We ask for bread and they give us a stone. We ask for an egg and they give us a scorpion.

Since when did a great government and a mighty people learn the wisdom of and the consistency of a great campaign for safe driving and

at the same time press the legalized bottle to the lips of the driver.

While we are glad that the federal government has gone after the kidnapper and the racketeer with an iron hand, we still believe that if the same iron hand had been used on the bootlegger back before repeal, we would be enjoying today prohibition that would prohibit.

Even the wets claim that they desire to decrease the use of liquor, and that certainly is what the drys want. But why put liquor on front streets and in attractive stores, and spend millions in advertising in papers, over radios, on movie screens, and on billboards? If that decreases the sale and use of liquor, then merchants are all wrong in paying high rents for stores on front streets, and in paying millions for advertising in order to sell their goods. On that theory, these merchants should adopt bootlegging methods, and go to the back alleys, swamps, and gulleys in order to sell more goods. But of course it is all a farce. Every thinking person knows that the liquor crowd is in the business for the money they can get out of it and that they want to sell all they can, regardless of their pretended interest in the welfare of our citizens.

What can we do about it?

1. Grow in our own souls a disgust for any kind of intoxicating drink, whether it be liquor, wine, beer, or what not.
2. Start at the cradle and train up a new generation that hates liquor.
3. Vote only for men who are personally and politically bone dry.
4. Be temperance missionaries and convert every person we can to our viewpoint.
5. Keep an undying belief burning in our souls that God and right will finally prevail.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

Mr. Sullivan, in speaking to his report, made a dynamic appeal for prohibition. After J. R. Cantrell and E. F. Hardin voiced their sentiments for liquor control, Mr. Sullivan's report was adopted.

M. A. Adams, representing the United Dry Forces, asked for a free-will offering to be taken toward the expenses for the drive in the schools. (27,000 school children had been spoken to in this State.)

After a motion by Mr. Sullivan, the body voted to take an offering. The amount received, $19.27, was turned over to the tresaurer to be sent to the United Dry Forces, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Co-operative Program, dealing with the three mission fields was presented, as follows:

(1) State Missions, by J. R. Cantrell.

STATE MISSIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA—1936

The spirit and motive of Missions, Foreign, Home and State, are identical. It is difficult to understand why one should profess to believe in one and not in the other. Within the State a distinction is made between Missions, Christian Education, and Benevolence—including the Orphanage and the Hospital, whereas Foreign Missions and with some limitations Home Missions, includes all of these objects. What then is included

under the head of "STATE MISSIONS?"

For a hundred years the objective of State Missions has been to win the people of North Carolina to Christ and then to the fellowship which the churches provide. In more recent years another objective has been to train and develop those who come into the churches. With these purposes dominant, State Missions now embraces the following activities:

1. **Missionary Pastoral Assistance.**—"To the poor the gospel is preached in needy and strategic places. Many of our strong churches in the state are trophies of State Missions. At present about 160 churches are aided.
2. **Student Work.**—Churches in Educational centers are aided in order that they may properly minister to students away from home and the home church.
3. **Church Building.**—At the present time, in the face of a serious shortage of funds, a few churches have been aided in building and paying for adequate church plants.
4. **Oteen Hospital.**—For some years past the Board has made it possible for Rev. Wayne Williams to minister to the sick veterans in the Government Hospital at Oteen.
5. **Indians.**—The State Mission Board has kept Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Lunsford in Robeson County for several years working in the interest of the Indians of that County.
6. **Negroes.**—Beginning with 1935 the Baptist State Convention undertook some co-operative work with the negro State Convention. Rev. W. C. Somerville was put in charge of this task and is doing a good work among a quarter of a million of negro Baptists.
7. **General Missionaries.**—There are two, M. O. Alexander and J. C. Pipes. These men spend their time helping in revivals, visiting general meetings helping churches to get together in fields. A good and abiding work we feel is being done by these two men.

In a very vital sense, Foreign Missions and Home Missions, as well as all other objects wait upon an aggressive program of State Missions, and Christian Education. These agencies are the Service of supply, for all other agencies.

Let us therefore, maintain an aggressive program of State Missions, in so doing, we shall not only win North Carolina, but the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CANTRELL.

Upon motion to adopt, Mr. Cantrell commented on the report.

(2) Home Missions, by L. R. Williams. Mr. Biggerstaff read the report in the absence of Mr. Williams.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The fundamental purpose in missions is the projection of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ into all time and into all lands. This never changes. In Joshua 1:3 we have the words of the Lord: "The Lord spake unto Joshua saying: Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon that have I given you." Then in Matt. 28:19, 29 we have the Great Commission of Jesus to the early disciples to make disciples of all nations. This is the task of the whole denomination. It is especially the task of the Home Mission Board to work for the possession of the home-land for world-conquest for Christ.

The point of approach to this world-task for Southern Baptists is the

homeland. Keep the homeland evangelized and we have the hope and assurance of the world's evangelization. If we let the spirit of evangelism die in the homeland, then our missions in the far away fields will fail for the lack of support.

The Great Missionary Need

The home mission task is greater today than ever. Millions of people in the homeland are waiting for the Word of Life. Our brother in black, 10,000,000 of them, are looking to us for help; 5,000,000 foreigners spiritually marooned on our shores are a challenge to our passion for the lost. In Oklahoma and New Mexico 2,000,000 Indians will never have chance if we do not send the Gospel to them; the 225,000 Spanish-speaking people in New Mexico will never know about Christ as a personal Saviour unless someone goes to them with the Gospel; 800,000 Mexicans this side of the border are crying out for the light; the great Acadian section of French Louisiana with its more than 600,000 souls should know about the Saviour. There is much to be done yet.

The Home Board Work Encouraging

The Home Board last year, appointed 27 new missionaries, making a total of 283 missionaries working in 894 mission churches and mission staticns. There were over 4,000 conversions and baptisms, eighteen new churches were organized and 62 new stations opened.

In Cuba, the missionaries are doing a great work in preaching, holding prayer meeting, visiting and personal work among the Italians, Indians, Mexicans and Negroes. Moreover, 9,326 Bibles and Gospels were distributed last year.

Time would fail us to tell of all the benevolent work being done by our Board such as that of the Sunday Schools, of which there are 566 supported by the Board, with 11,554 pupils; then it also maintains Acadia Baptist Academy in Southern Louisiana, the Anglo-Mexican Institute at El Paso, Texas, and other institutions that are doing effective work, which cannot be estimated by man.

The Budget Operation

In 1935 the Board received from all sources $416,576.85. This was $82,880.82 more than was received in 1934. The Board is operating within the budget, and for over two years has operated without borrowing money.

Since many of our people and even many of our chief leaders in our government have failed to be loyal to the great cause of prohibition and as there is such a wave of worldliness in our nation, we believe the only hope for our nation is to make our homeland Christian; and we believe also, if we fail our homeland will become progressively pagan and go the way of all nations that forget God.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. WILLIAMS.

(3) Foreign Missions, by C. H. Henderson.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION, OCT. 9, 1936

There are two opposing emotions that move us as we study the results of the work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for the past ninety-two years. As we view what has been done by God through the efforts of this Board in spreading the knowledge of Jesus to heathen nations we give Him praise and take courage. Then as we look on the fields white unto harvest and remember how our efforts

have been, we bow our heads with shame and ask the Lord to forgive us.

It was a small beginning ninety-two years ago when Southern Baptists organized the Foreign Mission Board. From that beginning there are now 417 missionaries preaching, healing, and teaching in thirteen Foreign fields. There are 1,665 churches, 198,640 members. These missionaries baptized last year 13,982. There are 206 schools and colleges with 13,712 students that are being taught the saving power of Christ as well as other essential knowledge for good citizenship. There are 23 hospitals that administered to 137,243 in 1935.

In Nigeria there are 35 missionaries, 100 churches, 20,500 members, with 900 baptisms last year.

In Argentina there are 24 missionaries, 74 churches, 4,838 members, with 358 baptisms.

In Brazil there are 92 missionaries, 520 churches, 45,370 members, and 3,964 baptisms.

In Chile there are 12 missionaries, 39 churches, 2,925 members, with 269 baptisms.

In China we have 213 missionaries, 189 churches, 37,139 members with 3,073 baptisms.

In eight countries in Europe there are 42 missionaries, 653 churches, 87,829 members and above 5,000 baptisms last year.

The Southern Baptist Convention spent last year for Foreign Missions $625,392. According to the appropriation of our contribution to Foreign Missions, the South Fork Association contributed $5,253 of this amount, an average of about 66 cents to Missions per member in our Association. The ratio of conversions to our contribution shows that we were able to lead about 100 souls to accept Christ in foreign countries last year.

The above looks small in comparison to the millions that are far out in heathen lands that know nothing of the saving power of Christ. And the sufferings of war-torn nations because the principles of Christ are not being applied.

We give God praise for what He has done through our efforts, and we confess our failures and pledge ourselves to more faithful obedience to sending the gospel to all nations.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. HENDERSON.

Upon motion to adopt, Mr. Henderson spoke to the report very briefly, but yielded most of his time to the following speaker.

Brother Redwine presented W. Perry Crouch, Educational Secretary, Baptist State Convention. Mr. Crouch used Nehemiah 3:28 as his topic. Our work among those who have done no mission work, he said, may be compared with Nehemiah's rebuilding ruined walls. (1) Create a desire to rebuild, (2) Use old tools (same gospel), (3) Begin work at home (with individual souls).

At the conclusion of Mr. Crouch's address the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were adopted.

Special committees were asked to make their reports.

W. C. Laney read the report of the standing committee, which follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

We hereby nominate the following named persons to serve as members of the Executive Committee: Rev. W. C. Reid, M. S. Brittain, and B. M. Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. LANEY,
G. W. FOX,
H. B. JONES, Committee.

The report was adopted, and the designed men were elected to serve three years on the Executive Committee.

E. F. Hardin presented the following:

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have carefully examined the records turned over to us by our Associational Treasurer, Brother J. Y. Killian, and we find that all receipts and disbursements are in keeping with his report. Attached to this report are vouchers and receipts substantiating the record given by him. We consider the investments made by him perfectly safe, and we most heartily endorse the way he has handled our financial affairs. Throughout the years Brother Killian has served most acceptably in the capacity of treasurer of the Association and of the Scholarship Fund, and we feel that we want to express to him, not only our approval of his work, but our deep appreciation for the personal interest which he takes in performing the responsible task which we assign him from year to year.

Respectfully submitted,
ELBERT F. HARDIN, Chairman,
T. H. ROACH,
H. B. JONES.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator first appointed E. F. Hardin to write a memorial in the minutes for L. A. Bangle, but after Mr. Hardin's suggestion that Mr. Biggerstaff knew him much better, Moderator Hatfield finally appointed Brother Biggerstaff. The memorial follows:

MEMORIAL TO REV. L. A. BANGLE

In the wisdom of God our friend and brother, Rev. L. A. Bangle, was called to his eternal reward. Our Association has lost an esteemed and faithful pastor. Brother Bangle was almost seventy-six years old and had preached the gospel for forty years in this Association. He organized the Gainesville Baptist church and for seventeen years was the pastor. Our Association wishes to extend to the family our sincere sympathy, and to the church our blessing as they seek another to lead them in their labor for the Lord. We bow in submission to the will of the Father and thank Him for the life and work of Brother Bangle.

Written by: W. P. BIGGERSTAFF.

After the body sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," E. F. Sullivan presented the following:

REPORT OF PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Your Promotion Committee, composed of the members of the Executive Committee of the Association, each pastor having work in the Association, and one lay member from each of our 41 churches, begs leave to render the following report:

We have had two meetings of the Promotion Committee during the year. Your chairman has written letters and held several conferences concerning the promotion work in the Association. He has counselled with pastorless churches, encouraging them to call good and co-operative men as pastors. Last fall many of our churches co-operated in putting on a stewardship revival followed by the every-member canvass. This fall, immediately following this session of the association, with the aid of Brother Perry Crouch, our new Educational Secretary, we plan to do a much greater work in promoting stewardship revivals.

Again we list here some inspiring OBJECTIVES which we wish to keep before our churches:

1. Every church with a pastor.
2. At least one revival a year in each church.
3. Every church with a Sunday School enrollment at least as large as the church membership.
4. Every church with a live B. T. U.
5. Every church with an active W. M. S.
6. Every church with an attractive name-plate, so that all who pass by may recognize it as a Baptist church.
7. Every quarter-time or half-time church formed into a compact field with another church or churches, with a pastor centrally located.
8. A club of Charity and Children in each Sunday School.
9. Every church with at least one-tenth of its resident membership receiving the Biblical Recorder.
10. Not less than one-tenth of the members of each church bringing a tithe into the storehouse of the Lord.
11. Every church contributing to the Co-operative Program and making remittance once a month to the Convention Treasurer.
12. Every Sunday School contributing and remitting to the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina once a month.
13. Every church making a Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage.
14. Every church making a Mother's Day offering to the Baptist Hospital.
15. Every church with a representative on the Associational Promotion Committee, with such committee functioning throughout the year.

Note that there are in the above objectives some changes from the list given last year. From time to time during the coming year we hope to have each member of the Promotion Committee check up on his church with these objectives in mind.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

The report was adopted.

C. W. Ervin presented W. C. Reid, Balls Creek High School, to the Association. Mr. Reid used as a topic of his discussion, "Come, Tarry, Go."

After singing the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," the Association was dismissed with prayer by W. R. Bradshaw.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reconvened at 1:20 P. M. After a brief song servcie, opening prayer was led by J. R. Cantrell. F. G. Womack, in conducting the worship service, read and commented on Mark 9:8. The Association sang, "I Am Thine, O Lord."

E. F. Hardin presented J. D. Moose, who brought greetings from the Mecklenburg Association.

S. A. Stroup, who had charge of the Memorial Service, presented the following report on Obituaries, to be printed in the Minutes:

LIST OF DECEASED

FROM

ANTIOCH—Mr. C. C. Martin, Hurbert Ray, Mrs. Meely Grigg.

BROOKFORD—Mrs. J. M. Newton, Mrs. J. M. Price.

BROWN MEMORIAL—Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw.

CATAWBA—Mr. J. D. Gantt, Mr. M. M. Deal.

CENTER VIEW—Mrs. Smith Laney, Mrs. Greene Burk.

BOGER CITY—Mrs. W. P. Withers, Mrs. J. T. Wise, Mrs. Annie Goins.

HICKORY FIRST—Mrs. Dora Huggins, Mrs. E. L. Hilton, Mrs. H. B. Thomasson, Mrs. David H. Ramseur, Mrs. Deck Sparks, Mrs. Earl Yount, Miss Ollie Martin, Mr. Harvey Caldwell, Mrs. William V. Barger.

WEST HICKORY—Mrs. Margaret Rhyne Hill, Mrs. J. B. Abernethy, Loyd Little, Mrs. J. A. Smiht.

HIGHLAND—Mrs. John Buff, Mrs. O. M. Curley, Mr. Dexter Lael, Mr. J. C. Barber, Mr. A. E. Croom, M. G. Camp, J. C. Lookadoo.

LINCOLN AVENUE—Mrs. J. F. McKinis, Mrs. Ed Beal.

LINCOLNTON FIRST—Mrs. Z. W. Faires, Mrs. Ed Mauney, Mrs. C. S. Digh, Mr. Charles H. Harrill, Mr. Thomas Proctor.

MACEDONIA—Mrs. Melie Grigg.

EAST MAIDEN—Mrs. Belle Cauthen, Mrs. Jake Keener, Mrs. LottieGoodson.

MAIDEN FIRST—Mrs. J. C. Crow, Mr. H. A. Lineberger, Mr. J. A. Whitener.

MT. RUHAMA—Miss Mamie Beal, Mrs. Sarah Sigmon, Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell.

MT. ZION—Mrs. W. N. McGinis.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—Mr. J. P. Cloninger.

NEWTON FIRST—Mr. W. C. Curlee, Mr. G. H. Clews.

NORTH NEWTON—Mrs. J. W. Sigmon.

OLIVET—Mr. Marvin Stroup, Mr. John F. Eades, Mr. Garlin Pope.

PENELOPE—Mrs. W. C. A. Thorneburg, Mr. C. B. Gibson.

PROVIDENCE—Mr. T. M. Fulbright, Miss Missouri John-

REEPSVILLE—Mr. Monroe Weaver.

RIVER VIEW—Mr. W. D. Young, Mrs. Myrtle Ramsey. son.

SALEM—Mrs. Dave Garrison, Mrs. Charlie White, Miss Kate Harrill.

SOUTHSIDE—Mr. E. L. Carpenter, Mr. P. C. Whitesides, Mrs. William Coffey.

LAWING'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Minnedore Abernathy, Mr. G. B. Abernathy.

Brother Stroup gave some timely thoughts on "Heaven." The song, "Oh, Think of a Home Over There," was sung. Mr. Hardin closed the Memorial Service with prayer.

Final Report on Digest of Church Letters was given by E. F. Sullivan.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

We hereby render our report on digest of church letters as follows: Baptisms this year 377, or 95 less than last year. Total church membership 7,331, an increase of 95. Total Sunday school enrollment 7,924, an increase of 86. Twenty-four churches have B. Y. P. U.'s with an enrollment of 1,663 against 1,294 last year. Fourteen churches report a W. M. S. with 1.052 members, or a gain of 100. Total gifts to local work $61,071.35, an increase of $9,743.41. While in mission and benevolences the gifts were $11,964, which was an increase of $1,621. Total gain in gifts of $11,365.41. Five churches gave nothing to missions, and have not reported anything to the orphanage. Seven churches reported no baptisms. Eleven churches have preaching every Sunday, 22 twice a month, and 6 once a month. Two churhces have not reported, 39 have reported.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. SULLIVAN,
W. P. BIGGERSTAFF,
C. H. HENDERSON.

The report was adopted.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina was called for and E. F. Hardin presented the following:

THE ORPHANAGE REPORT

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina has just celebrated its fiftieth year of work. It received its first child on November 11, 1885. Beginning under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage Association, it was later taken over by the Baptist State Convention. In 1928 the Convention in honor of J. H. Mills, the founder of the orphanage, changed the name from the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage to the Mills Home. In 1934 the Convention again changed the name to the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina. Mr. I. G. Greer is the present General Superintendent—a man loved and honored by the Baptists throughout the state and beyond. The Kennedy Home at Kinston is also a part of our orphanage work. Mr. J. C. Hough is its general superintendent and is rendering a magnificent service.

Through the efficient management of Superintendent Greer and his co-laborers the orphanage is run on a very economical basis. The auditor's report for 1934 shows that the expense of maintaining each child in these two homes is nineteen dollars and six cents per month. This is quite remarkable in view of what each child receives from a physical, mental and religious standpoint.

While the Orphanage has many sources of income for its current fund —such as interest from the Endowment Fund, undersigned gifts in wills, the Duke Endowment, etc.—yet the Orphanage work is supported very largely by the once-a-month Sunday School offerings throughout the state, together with the Thanksgiving offerings each year from hundreds of our churches. Superintendent Greer says that perhaps no other Orphanage in the world is so bound up with the Sunday School as ours.

Out of more than two thousand four hundred Baptist Sunday Schools in the state, less than three hundred send their offerings every month to the Orphanage. Of this number the Minutes of our South Fork Association for 1935 report fourteen Sunday Schools making no contribution to the Orphanage. We trust that the report from this year's work will show a decrease in these non-supporting schools. However, the report shows only seven churches in our Association that did not make an offering during the year to the Orphanage.

The Orphanage is continually being embarrassed because of its lack of room to accommodate the deserving applicants that seek admittance. Some fifty to one hundred applications are received every month. Something like one thousand children annually are turned away for lack of room. Through what is known as Mother's Aid the Orphanage is helping many children in their homes but not all the worthy home-cases can be helped for lack of funds.

We would urge upon every church in the South Fork Association to support whole-heartedly our Orphanage with a once-a-month collection from the Sunday School, and by a special offering taken each Thanksgiving Day, in addition to the once-a-month collection. We would also lay upon the hearts of our people the importance of praying for these our children and for the superintendent and his co-laborers who are leading them to Christ and training them to be efficient workers in the Kingdom of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,
ELBERT F. HARDIN.

The Chair recognized Brother Hardin, who yielded his time to I. G. Greer, General Manager of Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina. Mr. Greer addressed the body on the subject, "Practical Application of Christian Religion," based the last part of the 5th chapter of Amos. He gave the opportunities for us as Christians: (1) Help somebody in need, (2) Direct contact with Jesus, and (3) Key to the Abundant Life.

The report on the Orphanage was adopted.

Brother Stroup made a motion that the Chair appoint someone to write a memorial in the Minutes for Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw.

After a vote of the body, the Moderator appointed R. K. Redwine to write the memorial.

IN MEMORIAM

Sara Bush Bradshaw—Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw

October 23, 1871—January 25, 1936

With sincere sympathy we sorrow, but "not as those who have no hope," with our beloved brother, W. R. Bradshaw and his daughter, Mrs. E. N. Carr. We bow with them in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father who on January 25, 1936, removed from this earth to her heavenly home, our dear friend and their dear loved one.

Miss Zora Bush was married to Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, September 11, 1892. For more than 43 years she ministered in the home of a minister as gracious hostess, devoted mother, loving wife and companion and real help-mete. Her ministries extended to the homes of the communities where she lived and to the multitudinous activities of the churches that

her husband served as pastor.

The last few months before going home she gave herself without stint to organizing and getting started the W. M. U. work in Brown Memorial Church.

"She rests from her labors and her works do follow her."'

Pastor Biggerstaff thanked the ladies, especially those from the neighboring churches, Lincolnton and Southside, who assisted in the entertainment; and the Association for the privilege of having the meeting at their church.

R. K. Redwine presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we express to the pastor and the members of River View Church our sincere appreciation of their splendid hospitality during the meetings of this Association. Especially do we desire to express our appreciation for the well-filled tables of good things to eat, and for them we extend our hearty thanks to the ladies of River View Church.

Moderator Hatfield had been instructed, by a vote of the body, to appoint a Historical Committee to write a history of the South Fork Association. He appointed the following on this Historical Committee: W. C. Reed, R. K. Redwine, J. Y. Killian, W. W. Ervin, and Mrs. J. W. Bowles.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Religious Literature	W. P. Biggerstaff
Memorial	T. H. Roach
Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina	R. K. Redwine
Ministerial Relief and Annuities	Z. W. Brown
Christian Education	J. R. Cantrell
Temperance and Public Morals	W. R. Bradshaw
W. M. U.	Mrs. J. O. Shpford
Bible Schools	W. C. Reed
State Missions	W. C. Laney
Home Missions	S. M. Stroup
Foreign Missions	L. A. McClure
Baptist Hospital	H. B. Jones
B. T. U.	Miss Alma Burns

Committee to nominate three members of the Executive Committee for those whose terms will expire in 1937: J. R. Cantrell, C. G. Ellis, and E. F. Hardin.

Program Committee: F. G. Womack, C. H. Henderson, and S. A. Stroup.

The messengers endorsed Moderator Hatfield's appointments.

During the election of officers, T. H. Roach took the chair and conducted the election, which resulted as follows:

Moderator ..... L. L. Hatfield
Vice-Moderator ..... J. R. Cantrell
Clerk ..... M. S. Brittain
Treasurer ..... J. Y. Killian
Superintendent S. S. Convention ..... G. C. Hewitt
Chairman of Promotion Committee ..... E. F. Sullivan

Please note new office of Associate Chairman that was added by a vote of the Association.

Associate Chairman of Promotion Committee ..... R. K. Redwine
Superintendent B. T. U. ..... W. E. Garrison
Superintendent W. M. U. ..... Mrs. J. O. Shuford

Representatives:

Hospital ..... Mrs. J. W. Bowles
Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina ..... T. P. Pruitt
Biblical Recorder ..... G. S. Whisnant

After the election, Moderator Hatfield took the chair. He praised the work of the pastors, especially those who kept their gifts going while they built churches.

J. R. Cantrell presented the following amendment to the Constitution:

(At the close of Article 7). This Association shall hold four quarterly union meetings each year, the same to be held each fifth Sunday afternoon. There shall also be an annual Spring Session, the same to be purely inspirational. These meetings to be under the direction of Executive Committee, the necessary expenses to be paid from the general fund.

(At the end of By-Laws). The clerk shall keep a record, etc., at an annual salary of $35.00.

After a motion, it was voted to accept the Amendment to the Constitution.

S. A. Stroup welcomed the Association to Catawba for the next annual session.

After the Association sang "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," W. R. Bradshaw introduced Dr. Walter N. Johnson, of Mars Hill College, who gave a vivid message on the Baptist needs of today. "Back of all organization," he said, "we need a fresh experience of the Living Christ, which we get in dealing with men." He warned us not to push our organization so fast from the outside that our purpose might be killed from within. Four great axioms that he gave are as follows: (1) No universal peace without co-operation among men, (2) No universal co-operation without the original conception on which Baptist work was launched, (3) No successful Baptist Association without healthy Baptist Churches, (4) No healthy Baptist Church unless it has a spirit-appointed pastor with true disciples of Jesus.

The body stood and sang, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds." The clos-

ing prayer was offered by W. P. Biggerstaff.

All business having been completed, the Moderator declared the annual meeting of the Fifty-eighth Session adjourned to meet with Catawba Church on Thursday after the first Sunday in October, 1937.

Moderator,
Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE 1936 SPRING SESSION OF THE SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

The Spring Session of the South Fork Association met with the First Baptist Church of Maiden, Monday, April 13, 1936.

The Session opened with song. The following Scriptures were read by Moderator L. L. Hatfield: Psa. 23 and Matt. 6:9-13.

A fine inspirational program was given. The morning theme was "Enlistment." The program follows:

"The Price of Enlistment" ..... W. C. Reid
"Our Denominational Literature" ..... R. K. Redwine
Introduction of Orphanage Work, and the Representatives ... T. P. Pruitt
Mills Home Quartette.
"Why I Like the Orphanage" ..... Wiley Jarrell
"What the Orphanage Has Done for Me" ..... Geneva Patterson
Mills Home Quartette.
"Enlisting Our Baptists" ..... R. D. Covington,
Treasurer of Baptist Orphanage of N. C.

The theme of the afternoon session was "Evangelism."

Song Service.
Prayer ..... L. A. McClure
Mills Home Quartette.
Praise and Worship (Matt. 3:1-12) ..... W. R. Bradshaw
Mills Home Quartette.
Solo—"I Am Satisfied With Jesus" ..... Miss Ruby Padgett
Sermon—"Jesus Weeping Over the Lost" ..... Dr. Zeno Wall,
President Baptist State Convention

The following resolutions were offered by S. A. Stroup, and adopted by vote:

1. That the 4th Sunday in April be set aside as religious literature day

in our churches.

2. That the Association be divided into districts as follows: (1) Lincolnton District with E. F. Hardin as leader. (2) Maiden District with C. G. Ellis as leader. (3) Newton District with J. R. Cantrell as leader. (4) Hickory District with E. F. Sullivan as leader.

R. K. Redwine offered the following:

RESOLVED, That we express to the First Baptist Church of Maiden our sincere appreciation and thanks for their splendid hospitality extended to the 1936 Spring Session of the South Fork Association. Especially do we thank the ladies of the church for their contribution to our joy and comfort in providing the drinks and serving the lunch.

This was a fine meeting and all who attended seemed to carry away something worthwhile. Most of the churches were represented by messengers appointed by the churches.

W. P. BIGGERSTAFF, Clerk Pro-tem.

Church Directories

EXHIBIT A — B. T. U. PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	GENERAL DIRECTOR	ADULT PRESIDENT	SENIOR PRESIDENT	INTEDMEDIATE LEADER	JUNIOR LEADER
Bethel	Odell Wright, R-3, Lincolnton		Miss Jennie Turner, Lincolnton		Mrs. Odell Wright, Lincolnton
Boger City	W. H. Boyles, Boger City	Miss Ruth Ewing, Boger City		Mrs. L. A. Hallman, Boger City	Miss Maggie Icard, Boger City
Brookford	Mae Bolick, Brookford	Hugh Reinhart, Brookford	James Holsclaw, Brookford	B. B. Bishop, Brookford	C. Coffey, L. Isenhour, B'kford
Brown Memorial	E. H. Witherspoon, Hickory	B. W. Brown, Hickory	Gladis Fox	Chiles Greenhill, Hickory	Mamie Greenhill, Hickory
Catawba	Miss Stella Coulter, Catawba		Miss Francis Wike, Catawba	Miss Maggie Browne, Catawba	
Cedar Grove			Henry Sconce, Maiden		Marvin Hoyle, R-1, Maiden
Corinth	Miss Cletus Speagle, Vale		Miss Frankie Propst, Hickory		
Highland	E. M. Suggs, Hickory	W. B. Duncan, Hickory	Vance Stafford, Dickory	Mrs. Grover Summey, Hickory	Miss Bessie Bostic, Hickory
Hickory First	Robt. M. Perry, Hickory	Mrs. C. A. Yost, Hickory	Louise H. Bogle, Hickory	Fred Mull, Hickory	Mrs. L. O. Varner, Hickory
West Hickory	Max Freeman, W. Mickory		Kathleen Abee, W. Hickory	Selma Hicks, W. Hickory	C. H. Brittain, R-1, Hickory
Lawing's Chapel			Mrs. G. G. Henry, Lincolnton		Mrs. Fred Wright, Lincolnton
Lincoln Avenue			C. R. Hallman, Lincolnton	Miss Velma Hallman, Lin'ton	
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton	Mrs. J. W. Bowles, Lincolnton	Marjorie Abernathy, Lincolnton	Mrs. E. F. Hardin, Lincolnton	Mrs. C. L. Knight, Lincolnton
Macedonia	W. A. Potts, Lincolnton		Aileen Keever, Iron Station	Willie Ewing, Iron Station	
East Maiden	J. D. Turner, Maiden	Mrs. Ella Yoder, Maiden	Miss Edna Marlowe, Lincolnton	Coy Aunton, Maiden	Mamie Parker, Maiden
Maiden First	W. C. Laney, Maiden	E. B. Goodin, Maiden	Miss Beatrice Cline, Maiden	Miss Marie Williams, Maiden	
Mt. Zion	Paul Hager, Alexis		William Stroupe, Alexis	Eufolia McCline, Alexis	
Mtn. Grove	Miss Coline Whitner, Hickory		Mrs. C. S. Eckard, Hickory	Miss Dorothy Link, Hickory	
Newton First	G. C. Hewitt, Newton			Miss Alma Burns, Newton	Miss Thelma Beard, Newton
Olivet	F. C Poston, Long Island		Sloan Alexander, Long Island	Magdalene Lytton Long Island	Miss Lucille Brown Long Island
Penlops	Turner Kees, Hickory	Roy Martin, Hickory	Miss Dorothy AbeeW. Hickory	Mrs. G. M. Turner, Hickory	O. E. McCroy, Hickory
River View					Miss Alma Rhodes, Lincolnton
Southside					Miss Alice Huss
Salem			Mrs. E. F. Clanton, Jr., L'ton		

EXHIBIT B — W. M. S. AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCHES	W. M. S. PRESIDENT	Y. W. A. COUNSELOR	G. A. LEADER	R. A. LEADER	SUNBEAM LEADED
Boger City	Mrs. L. S. Mauney Lincolnton	Mrs. R. B. Parker, R-3, L'ton	Mrs. M. F. Dellinger, B. City		Mrs. Katie Abernathy, L'ton
Brown Memorial	Mrs. A. T. Fox, R-2, Hickory	Effie Herman, Hickory	Mrs. Carl Suggs, Hickory		
Brookford	Mrs. C. H. Huffman, Brookford				
Catawba	Miss Edna Danner, Catawba				Miss Eunice Trolinger, C'wba
Highland	Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Hickory	Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory	Mrs. A. C. Ogren, Hickory		Mrs. Vasco White, Hickory
			Miss Elizabeth Campbell, H'ky		
Hickory First	Mrs. L. P. Frans, Hickory	Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Hickory	Miss Donnie Hudson, Hickory	Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, Hickory	Mrs. E. N. Carr, Hickory
West Hickory	Mrs. W. L. Goodson, Hickory	Mrs. W. W. Marr, Hickory	Junnie Rector, Hickory	Mrs. W. S. Abernathy, H'ky	Mrs. R. C. Hahn, Hickory
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernathy " R-3				
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. S. W. Bennett, Lincolnton				
			Mrs. Sam Whites'de Lincolnton		
Lincolnton First	Mrs. J. O. Shuford, Lincolnton	Miss Emily Eaton, Lincolnton	Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Lincolnton	Clarence Duncan, Lincolnton	Mrs. Ernest Porter, Lincolnton
Maiden First	Mrs. C. G. Ellis, Maiden	Mrs. C. G. Ellis, Maiden			
East Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams, Maiden				
Mt. Ruhama	Mrs. W. C. Reid, Newton				
Mtn. Grove	Mrs. A. M. Huffman, Hickory	Mrs. Darry Frye, Hickory			
Newton First	Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth N'ton	Mrs. J. R. Cantrell, Newton	Mrs. C. C. Canipe, Newton		Mrs. B. R. McCright, Newton
Penelope	Mrs. Nellie Cody W. Hickory	Mrs. G. Womack, Hickory	Miss Mae Wright	Turner Kees, Hickory	Mrs. C. S. Smith
River View	Mrs. W. P. Biggerstaff L'ton		Mrs. S. A. Rhodes, R-1		Miss Alma Rhodes Lincolnton

EXHIBIT C

HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE OF MEETING	PLOCE	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHED SERMON
October 24, 25, 26, 1912	Maiden First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	I. T. Newton
October 23, 24, 25, 1913	Mount Holly	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. J. Beach
October 22, 23, 24, 1914	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. C. Barrett
October 27, 28, 29, 1915	West Hickory	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. S. Connell
October 25, 26, 1916	East Gastonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. D. Harte
October 31, November 1, 1917	Newton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	.....
November 21, 22, 1918	Belmont First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. L. Vipperman
October 29, 30, 1919	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. R. Bradshaw
October 27, 28, 1920	Mountain Grove	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. W. Rimmer
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1921	Lawing's Chapel	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	.....
September 28, 29, 1922	River View	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. C. Whitener
September 27, 28, 1923	Catawba	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. R. Freeman
October 2, 3, 1924	Penelope	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. M. Robinson
October 1, 2, 1925	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	T. C. Singleton
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1926	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. D. Barton
September 29, 30, 1927	Corinth	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. A. Ivey
September 27, 28, 1928	Mt. Ruhama	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	R. G. Short
September 26, 27, 1929	Mount Zion	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	E. F. Hardin
October 2, 3, 1930	Warlick's	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	C. F. Pittman
October 1, 2, 1931	Maiden First	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	J. R. Cantrell
September 29, 30, 1932	Mountain Grove	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	M. I. Harris
September 28, 29, 1933	Olivet	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	R. K. Redwine
September 27, 28, 1934	Macedonia	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	W. W. Marr
October 10, 11, 1935	Providence	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	T. H. Roach
October 8, 9, 1936	River View	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	W. R. Bradshaw

TABLE I CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	DAYS OF MEETING	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS					LOSSES					Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Papers
				Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Total	Letters	Exclusions	Erasure	Deaths	Total					
Amity	L. A. McClure R-1, Alexis		44	7	9			16	1				1	59	None	1	3	
Antioch	H. W. Baucom Gastonia	2nd, 4th M. 4th N.	51						3			3	6	45	None	1	2	
Bethel	J. B. Payne Morganton	Second	52	9	1			10	3				3	59	Yes	1	2	1
Boger City	H. B. Jones Boger City	Every Sunday	272	4	6	1		11	9			3	12	271	Yes		4	2
Brookford	W. C. Laney Brookford	Every Sunday	190	3	2		10	15	4	20	59	2	85	120	Yes	2	3	14
Brown Memorial	W. R. Bradshaw Hickory	Every Sunday	74	35	20			55	1			1	2	127	Yes	1	4	
Catawba	S. A. Stroupe Catawba	First and Third	204	8	2			10	2			2	4	210	None	1	1	
Cedar Grove	M. G. Chatman Lincolnton	First and Third	27											27	None	1	4	
Center View	L. A. McClure R-1, Llexis	First and Third	160	7	6			13						173	Yes	1	2	1
Corinth	C. H. Henderson Hickory	Second and Fourth	153	5	7			12	3				3	162	Yes	1	2	6
Denver	L. A. McClure R-1, Alexis	Fourth	12								1		1	11	None	1		
Faith	F. H. Roach R-1, Lincolnton	2nd P.M. 4th Eve.	58	3		1	6	10	6				6	62	None	1	2	
Gainesville	Not Reported	Second and Fourth	100	5				5	3		10	2	15	90	None	1	1	
Hickory First	R. K. Redwine Hickory	Every Sunday	771	55	53	2	2	112	28	5	44	9	86	797	Yes	1	4	59
West Hickory	W. W. Marr Hickory	Every Sunday	211	26	2			28	5			4	9	230	Yes		4	
Highland	E. F. Sullivan Hickory	Every Sunday	546	18	25	3		46	36	17		7	60	532	Yes	1	3	51
Kids Chapel	P. K. Drum Maiden	Fourth	47	1				1						48	None	1		
Lawing's Chapel	L. A. McClure R-1, Alexis	Second	195	10				10	4			2	6	199	Yes	1	2	3
Leonard's Fork	Not Reported	Not Reported	58							8			8	50	None	1	2	2
Lincoln Avenue	A. A. Lockee Lincolnton	Second and Fourth	189	15				15				2	2	202	Yes	2	1	3
Lincolnton First	E. F. Hardin Lincolnton	Every Sunday	269	2	12	1	1	16	23		4	5	32	253	Yes		4	20
Long Shoals	Frank Grigg Cherryville	Every Sunday	12				5	5						17	None	1	1	
Macedonia	W. R. Bifferstaff R-1, Lincolnton	Second and Fourth	242	1	1			2	8			1	9	235	None	1	2	
East Maiden	L. R. Williams Maiden	First and Third	190	2	10			12			26	2	28	174	Yes	1	3	13
Maiden First	C. G. Ellis Maiden	Every Sunday	480	20	15	1		36	18			3	21	495	Yes	1	1	28
Mt. Ruhama	L. A. McClure R-1, Alexis	First and Third	320	12	5			17	10		3	3	16	321	Yes	2	2	
Mt. Zion	W. P. Biggerstaff R-1, Lincolnton	Second and Fourth	140		10			10	2			1	3	147	None	1	2	1
Mtn. Grove	C. H. Henderson R-1, Hickory	First and Third	124	5				5	2			3	5	124	None	1	4	1
Mtn. View	L. A. McClure R-1, Alexis	Fourth and Nights							Not Reported							1	2	
Newton First	J. R. Cantrell Newton	Every Sunday	377	17	20	1		38	12		45	2	59	356	Yes	1	3	14
North Newton		Second and Fourth	98	3	3	1		7	4			1	5	100	Yes	1	2	6
Olivet	S. A. Stroupe R-2, Catawba	Second and Fourth	250	13	2			15	5			3	8	257	None	1	1	10
Penelope	F. G. Womack Hickory	Every Sunday	397	12	4			16	6			2	8	405	Yes	2	1	25
Piney Grove	R. G. Short Hickory	Third	51		2			2						53		1	1	
Providence	C. H. Henderson R-1, Hickory	Second and Fourth	112	2		1	2	5	3			2	5	112	None	1	3	2
Reepsville	E. W. Friday Hardin	First and Third	109	1				1	1			1	2	108	None	1	1	11
River View	W. P. Biggerstaff R-1, Lincolnton	First and Third	162	2	3			5	2			2	4	163	Yes	2	4	2
Salem	E. W. Friday Hardin	Second and Fourth	107	4				4	4			3	7	104	None	1	1	
Sharon	S. M. Stroupe Alexis	First and Third	63	4				4	1				1	66	None	1	2	1
Southside	L. R. Williams Maiden	Second and Fourth	143	12		5		17	2			3	5	155	Yes	1	3	
Warlicks	J. R. Keller Hickory	First Sunday	95	9	5			14	11				11	98	Yes	1	1	
		TOTALS	7155	332	225	17	26	600	222	50	192	74	538	7217		43	90	276

TABLE II SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIOTION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION								
		Beginners 3 to 5 Years	Primaries 6 to 8 Years	Juniors 9 to 12 Years	Intermediates 13 to 16 Years	Young People 17 to 24 Years	Adults 25 Years Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is It Standard?	Teachers With Diplomas	Baptisms From School	Have You a Mission School	Enrollment of Mission School	Did You Hold a D. V. B. S.?	Enrollment of D. V. B. S.	Av. Attendance of D. V. B. S.
Amity	Bobby Goodson R-3, Linconton	12	8	6	9	10	13			10	68	58	Yes	No		7	No		No		
Antioch	Ralph L. Pendleton R-1, Lincolnton	17		17	9	9	9			9	70	40	No	No			No		No		
Bethel	Everette Mullen R-3, Lincolnton	9	16	8	11	9	5			8	66	40	No	No,	4	9	No		No		
Boger City	R. L. Wilson Boger City	24	30	46	40	36	58	70		18	322	212	Yes	No	6	4	No		No		
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	17	36	66	42	51	35	38		32	317	146	Yes	No		2	No		Yes	120	70
Brown Memorial	Z. W. Brown Hickory	20	24	35	36	37	51	15		20	238	115	Yes	No	12	35	No		No		
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	9	15	21	22	45	26	13	16	15	182	86	Yes	No		8	No		No		
Cedar Grove	M. W. Hazle R-1, Maiden	11	9	13		26	6			6	71	36	No	No	1		No		No		
Center View	J. P. Fulbright Mailen	Not Reported								15	15	146	No	No	3		No		No		
Corinth	C. C. Propst R-1, Hickory	4	6	18	20	21	29	18		14	130	56	Yes	No	8	5	No		No		
Denver	Not Reported									Not Reported											
Faith	P. L. Sigmon R-1, Alexis	1	1	8		8	13			7	38	19	No	No			No		No		
Gainesville	C. C. Houser Crouse	15	10			10	12			6	53	35	No	No		3	No		No		
Hickory First	T. P. Pruitt Hickory	46	82	126	129	136	168	92	60	87	926	402	Yes	No		48	Yes	50	No		
West Hickory	W. S. Abernethy Hickory	25	45	70	60	35	70	14		35	354	185	Yes	No		26	No		Yes	105	90
Highland	B. E. Carrell Hickory	41	68	95	71	72	130	72	40	62	651	284	Yes	Yes	20	15	No		No		
Kids Chapel	Mrs. Abner Keever Iron Station	7		15	21		26			6	75	50	No	No	13		No		No		
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse	12	15	17	24	14	40			14	136	70	No	No	5	8	No		No		
Leonard's Fork	J. A. Sain Lincolnton		8	8	10		15			4	45	20	Yes	No	2		No		No		
Lincoln Avenue	George R. Grice Lincolnton	21		44	17	34	78	7		15	216	137	Yes	No	1	15	No		No		
Lincolnton First	C. C. Caskey R-1, Lincolnton	13	31	30	29	30	47	14		25	219	119	Yes	No	6	2	No		Yes	104	90
Long Shoals	M. L. Cash R-3, Lincolnton									8	8	55	No	No			No		No		
Macedonia	E. H. Williams Maiden									10	10	53	No	No			No		No		
East Maiden	T. H. Caldwell Maiden	15	18	25	25	35	30	15		30	193	171	Yes	No	15	2	No		No		
Maiden First	Geo. W. Caldwell R-2, Newton	8	46	56	65	85	116			27	403	230	Yes	No	15	15	No		No		
Mt. Ruhama	Paul Lager Alexis	23	28	30	27	37	134	22		11	312	230	Yes	No		7	No		No		
Mt. Zion	C. S. Eckerd Hickory		13	16	19	24	21			8	101	60	No	No	4		No		No		
Mtn. Grove	L. P. Gilleland Maiden	12	10	24	27	21	31			10	135		Yes	No		5	No		No		
Mtn. View	C. D. Jessup Newton	Not Reported																			
Newton First	C. F. Witherspoon Newton	15	47	48	55	50	75	30	6	19	345	212	Yes	No	14	15	No		No		
North Newton	Joe C. Saunders Catawba	24	29	24	14	32	51			17	191	114	Yes	No	7	3	No		No		
Olivet	J. B. Phillips Hickory	9	23	30	38	63	24			22	209	105	Yes	No	11	12	No		No		
Penelope	P. E. Caldwell Catawba	25	62	117	50	61	105	24		46	490	217	Yes	No	16	10	Yes	59	No		
Piney Grove	M. S. Brittain Hickory	13		7	13		21			6	60	42	No	No			No		No		
Providence	McKinely Scronce Lincolnton	9	12	25	12	16	25			16	115	56	Yes	No		7	No		No		
Reepsville	Authur Blackburn Lincolnton	7	8	12	12	25	20	6		12	102	76	Yes	No	7		Yes	65	No		
River View	Sam Hovis Gastonia	52		52	31	51	57			12	255	145	No	No	1		No		No		
Salem	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	10	10	10	21	12	21			9	93	57	Yes	No	4	4	No		No		
Sharon	Vernon Smith South Side	4		6	7	14	13			4	48	20	Yes	No		4	No		No		
Southside	Grady Reese R-2, Hickory	23	19	8	22	75	34			9	190	114	Yes	No		12	No		No		
Warlicks	H. B. Wilkinson R-3, Lincolnton	16	8	16	18	19	30	8		10	125	72	Yes	No	3	5	No		No		
	TOTALS	569	737	1149	1006	1203	1639	458	122	694	7577	4285			178	288		174		225	250

TABLE III CHURCH PROPERTY AND AIMS FOR THE NEW YEAR OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	When Was Church Built?	CHURCH PROPERTY: Value Church House and Grounds	CHURCH PROPERTY: Value of Pastor's Home	CHURCH PROPERTY: Total Value All Church Property	CHURCH PROPERTY: Indebtedness on Church Property	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Will Have a Real Revival	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Will Correct Church Roll	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: S. S. Enrollment Equal to Church	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Organize W.M.S. & B.T.U.	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Will Secure Recorder Subs.	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Will Have Club Charity & Children	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Will Remit Funds Monthly	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Will Take Special Off. ofr Orphanage	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Will Take Special Off. for Hospital	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Elevate Level Spiritual Liv. & Giving	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Aim for Co-Operative Program	AIMS FOR NEXT YEAR: Aim for Orphanage
Amity	E. P. Pollard R-1, Iron Station	1905	$ 800	$	$ 850	$											$	$
Antioch	Ralph L. Pendleton R-3, Lincolnton	1922	1 500		1 600		Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10.00	
Bethel	R. W. Long R-2, Lincolnton	1896	1 200		1 200													
Boger City	J. P. Williams R-3, Lincolnton	1936	17 000	2 000	19 000	4,275.82	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	200.00	
Brookford	George Flowers Brookford	1910	15 000		15 000													
Brown Memorial	C. O. Ellis R-2, Hickory	1935	10 750		10 750	2,900.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	300.00	
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	1875	7 000		7 000													
Cedar Grove	John E. Rhodes R-1, Newton	1902	300		300													
Center View	J. F. Hovis R-1, Maiden	35-36	3 000		3 000		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	50.00	
Corinth	Elma Stallings R-3, Vale	1885	2 000		2 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00	50.00
Denver	W. F. Keever Davidson	1914	1 500		1 500		Yes	Yes			Yes			Yes		Yes	5.00	
Faith		1905	1 000		1 000			Yes		No		No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00	
Gainesville	C. C. Houser Crouse	1923	1 200		1 200													
Hickory First	J. D. Greene Hickory	1900	90 000	4 000	94 000	10,299.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4,000.00	800.00
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy Hickory	1907	10 000	2 000	12 000	1,250.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes		200.00	
Highland	R. J. Lowdermilk Hickory	1912	25 000	5 000	30 000	200.00		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1,500.00	
Kids Chapel	W. A. Poole Iron Station	1871	1 500		1 500													
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry R-3, Lincolnton	1908	2 000		2 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	50.00	
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	1882	1 000		1 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	40.00	
Lincoln Avenue	W. K. Stover Lincolnton	1927	10 000		10 000	825.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	200.00	
Lincolnton First	George Brevard Lincolnton	1921	75 000	5 000	80 000	9,315.00												
Long Shoals	Renney Carpenter Lincolnton		700		700													
Macedonia	W. A. Potts R-3, Lincolnton	1922	10 000		10 000													
East Maiden	S. H. Williams Maiden	1927	4 200		4 200	550.00							Yes	Yes			100.00	
Maiden First	Laura Hill Setzer Maiden	1929	20 000	3 000	23 000	2,856.22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	300.00	
Mt. Ruhama	George Caldwell R-2, Newton	12-13	4 500		4 500		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	125.00	
Mt. Zion	Dan Long Stanley	1869	2 500		2 500		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	65.00	
Mtn. Grove	G. F. Huffman R-1, Hickory	1881	3 600		3 600	200.00	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00	50.00
Mtn. View	M. O. Gilleland R-1, Maiden	1900	2 500		2 500													
Newton First	Perry D. Huitt Newton	1914	26 500	5 000	31 500	800.00												
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant Newton	1923	15 000	13 000	28 000	615.36	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	75.00	
Olivet	H. E. Fisher Long Island	1884	2 400	1 600	4 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15.00	
Penelope	L. F. Yoder Hickory	1888	9 000	2 000	11 000		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	300.00	
Piney Grove	Henry Ella Setzer Newton	1905	400		400													
Providence	Millie Whitener Vale	1892	2 500		2 500		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	60.00	, 40 00
Reepsville	Sophia Logan Lincolnton	1935	2 000		2 000	245.00												
River View	G. S. Caldwell Lincolnton	1922	5 800	2 000	7 800		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	200.00	
Salem	Clarence Helm Lincolnton	1930	3 000		3 000													
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	1900	500		500													
Southside	Alice Huss Lincolnton	25-26	4 000		4 000		Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30.00	
Warlicks	E. F. Berry Rhodhiss	1932	7 000		7 000	400.00												
	TOTALS		$402 850	$ 34 600	$447 600	$34.730.40	21	21	20	18	19	18	21	24	22	22	$8.040.00	$ 940.00

TABLE IV GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHUCH WORK												
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Paid on Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S.S., W.M.S. & B.Y.P.U.	Help Given to Local Poor	For the Expenses, Assn., Meetings, and Minutes	Other Objects	Given by all W.M.U Organizations	Given by Sunday School	Total for all Local Purposes by Church and all Organizations
Amity	Irene Hoke R-1, Iron Station	$ 40.00	$	$ 30.00	$	$	$	$ 30.93	$	$ 1.25	$ 51.00	$	$ 30.93	$ 184.11
Antioch	G. M. Martin R-3, Lincolnton	115.00		9.00			1.00	20.00		1.25			44.50	190.75
Bethel	R. W. Long R-2, Lincolnton	98.51		44.00				28.67		1.60	50.00		23.79	,246.57
Boger City	W. H. Boyles Boger City	1,431.00		53.00	8,146.89	193.98	110.36	141.14	43.80	5.50	87.00		120.00	10,332.67
Brookford	B. B. Bishop, R. S. Bolick Brookford	1,325.00		57.00			470.49	149.37	5.00	5.00			481.50	2 493.36
Brown Memorial	G. M. Fox Hickory	600.00		65.00		2,854.78	459.51	142.28	10.00	2.50			213.00	4,347.07
Catawba	Neil Wyke Catawba	555.00		108.50	274.50		59.32	123.53	22.60	3.20	39.57	25.70	292.13	1,477.05
Cedar Grove	Henry Sconce R-1, Maiden	44.21		8.25	14.80		2.00	23.24		1.00			27.73	121.23
Center View	W. W. Laney R-1, Maiden	232.29		39.26	675.97		30.54			3.80			61.87	1,043.73
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant R-1, Hickory	225.00		36.70			16.60	45.39		3.00	16.00		45.39	388.08
Denver	B. S. Beal Iron Station	50.64					2.00			.50				53.14
Faith		103.11						48.21		2.00			33.89	187.21
Gainesville	W. E. Angle Lincolnton	135.00						20.80					20.80	176.60
Hickory First	H. G. Stephens Hickory	3,000.00	600.00	298.65	429.41	1 778.00	1,186.54	837.44	257.66	30.00	886.96		1,127.74	10,432.40
West Hickory	W. S. Abernethy Hickory	1,144.00		110.00	41.67	448.18	148.21	161.21	5.76	5.00	19.07		265.00	2,348.10
Highland	J. T. Shipman Hickory	1,892.24	60.00	75.80	347.50	190.00	37674	233.89	11.76	15.00	177.63	1,507.13		4,887.69
Kids Chapel	D. A. Poole Iron Station	25.00		11.00	30.00			10.00		1.00				177.00
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry R-3, Lincolnton	320.40		36.60			39.10	52.13		5.00		.95	42.17	496.35
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	97.78						12.00		2.00	9.00			,120.78
Lincoln Avenue	W. H. Hallman Lincolnton	476.00		57.42	21.75	825.00	114.29	141.53	2.00	4.00	70.39			1,712.38
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincolnton	2,100.00	10.00		38.71	838.00	415|14	160.25	12.75	12.00	27.45	27.45	344.36	3,986.11
Long Shoals							21.55	20.00		1.00				42.55
Macedonia	Renshaw Erwin Iron Station	303.40		47.00	22.50		37.38			3.00	29.80		5.00	448.08
East Maiden	W. L. Setzer R-3, Lincolnton	415.11		56.95	175.00	87.52	30.00	90.00		4.00	86.00		181.71	1,126.29
Maiden First	Tom Carpenter Maiden	1,253|90		84.92	395.34	661.05	54.00	195.81	6.18	6.00	341.22	212.09	460.49	3,671.00
Mt. Ruhama	Robert Drum R-2, Newton	564.46		35.00	1,500.00		2.40	31.38	31.33	5.00		13.50		2,183.07
Mt. Zion	E. A. Saddler Alexis	358.10		33.50	263.30		21.00	45.04	5.00	1.50	19.80		61.02	808.26
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Echerd Hickory	350.00		30.00	1,600.00		46.95	58.38		3.00		11.50	66.38	2,166.21
Mtn. View	Carl Killian R-1, Maiden			20.00						3.00				23.00
Newton First	J. Y. Killian Newton	1,500.00			598.55	278.24	192.19	107.43		6.00	655.00	594.55	295.15	4,227.11
North Newton	J. R. Murry Newton	393.15		66.20	36.77	259.36	47.77	89.62		2.00	2.00		147.90	1,044.77
Olivet	W. W. Irwin R-2, Catawba	450.00		61.60	187.85		61.48	92.93	32.65	3.00	30.00			919.51
Penelope	W. A. Cook West Hickory	1,645.00		118.60	331.93		176.93	334.56		5.00	29.10	136.62	135.37	2,913.11
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy R-2, Catawba	105.44						15.79		1.00	9.72		45.28	177.23
Providence	D. W. Brittain R-1, Hickory	228.66		60.00	53.92		6.00	19.83		3.00	132.35		72.02	575.78
Reepsville	Amos Sconce Lincolnton	31.73		40.00	2.95	84.00	12.00	25.79		2.00				198.47
River View	P. J. Coffee Lincolnton	700.00		126.96	63.00		86.93	78.40	70.99	3.50	46.75		110.34	1,286.87
Salem	J. W. Avery Lincolnton	103.48		12.43	162.60	55.00	8.46	21.53		1.80	65.90			431.20
Sharon	Edna Lineberger Iron Station	28.20		13.51	5.00			8.36		1.00				56.07
Southside	Frank Parker Southside	291.21		37.00	54.05	107.20	93.94	52.44		3.00	4.75		379.22	1,022.81
Warlicks	Forest McGuire Rhodhiss	140.00		40.00	26.50	225.00	50.00	21.00	18.50	2.25	35.00			558.25
	TOTALS	22,872.02	$ 670.00	$1,923.85	15,473.46	$8,885.31	$4,380.82	$3,690.30	$ 535.98	$ 164.65	$2,921.46	$2,529.49	$5,134.68	69,182.02

TABLE V — B. Y. P. U.'S OF SOUTH FORK BOPTIST ASSOCIATION — WOMAN'S WORK, ETC., OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Index No.	CHURCHES	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hour Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers all Unions	No. Missionary Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled Mission Study Courses	Index No.
1	Amity																													1
2	Antioch																													2
3	Bethel		1		1		2		21		9		30																	3
4	Boger City		1	1	1		3		14	8	13		35	15	7	22	1	1	2		1	5	14	12	9		10	45	9	4
5	Brookford	1	1	1	2		5	18	15	10	20		63	25	26	35	1													5
6	Brown Memorial	1	1	1	1		4	22	15	23	23		83	10	11		1													6
7	Catawba		1	1			2		8	15			23	5	5	5	1				1	2	15				7	22		7
8	Cedar Grove		1		1		2		27		22		49	2																8
9	Center View																													9
10	Corinth		1				1		16				16	12		16														10
11	Denver																													11
12	Faith																													12
13	Gainesville																													13
14	Hickory First	1	2	3	2	1	9	13	42	36	36	10	137	39	39	65	1	1	2	1	1	6	135	20	21	12	27	215	97	14
15	West Hickory		1	1	2		4		20	20	15		55	26	31	37	1	1	1	1	1	5	15	14	36	9	16	90		15
16	Highland	1	2	1	2	1	7	25	23	33	39	36	156	55	52	63	1	1	1		1	4	25	15	15		20	75		16
17	Kid's Chapel																													17
18	Wawing's Chapel		1		1		2		8		14		22	5	12	22	1					1	8					8		18
19	Leonard's Fork																1					1	10					10		19
20	LincolnAvenue		1	1	1		3		20	9	29		58	30		33														20
21	Lincolnton First	1	1	1	1		4	14	12	26	22		74	30	48	50	1	2	2	2	1	8	52	26	25	21	25	149	110	21
22	Long Shoals																													22
23	Macedonia																													23
24	East Maiden	1	1	1	1		4	9	15	18	17		59	21	38	30	1					1	12					12	4	24
25	Maiden First	1	1	, 1	1	1	5	15	29	29	25	11	109	11	12	21	1	1				2	29	30				59		25
26	Mt. Ruhama																1					1								26
27	Mt. Zion		1	1			2		19	19			38	35	35	2														27
28	Mtn. Grove		1	1			2		14	29			43	8		20	1	1				2	9	12				21		28
29	Mtn. View																													29
30	Newton First			1	1		2			22	12		34				1	1	1		1	4	32	35	14		15	96		30
31	North Newton																													31
32	Olivet		1	1	1		3		13	18	13		44	18																32
33	Penelope	1	1	2	2	1	7	36	22	29	33	12	132	22	36	33	1	1	2	2	1	7	25	11	38	27	20	121	31	33
34	Piney Grove																													34
35	Providence																													35
36	Reepsville																													36
37	River View			1	1		2			18	20		38				2		2		1	5	24		14		8	46	8	37
38	Salem		1				1		12				12																	38
39	Sharon																													39
40	Southside		1	1	1		3		15	15	10		40	6	11	8														40
41	Warkick's																													41
	TOTALS	8	23	21	23	4	79	152	380	377	372	69	1350	375	363	462	18	10	13	6	9	54	405	175	172	69	148	969	259	

TABLE VI **GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, BENEVOLENCES, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

CHURCHES	Total eo Co-Operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Given by W.M.U. Organizations	Given by the Sunday School	Total Missions and Benevolences Given by Church and all Departments	Total for all Local Purposes	Grand Total Given for all Purposes
Amity	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 184.11	$ 184.11
Antioch									2.40					2.40	190.75	193.15
Bethel															246.57	246.57
Boger City	204.10		16.32			1.10		205.25	12.45		32.96	91.19	214.80	778.17	10,332.67	11,110.84
Brookford	1,152.90		31.41	6.74	29.36			210.65	27.60		73.08	3.55	361.25	1,896.54	2,493.36	4,389.90
Brown Memorial	331.83							106.00	12.00					449.83	4,347.07	4 796.90
Catawba	66.70		28.50	20.55	,29.30			55.64	5.95			107.75	59.36	373.75	1,477.05	1,850.80
Cedar Grove	10.80													10.80	121.23	132.03
Center View			9.44	5.80	5.85			27.74	4.00	4.00				56.83	1,043.73	1,100.56
Corinth	75.77				3.25			42.25	2.50		4.80		48.00	176.57	388.08	564.65
Denver	5.25													5.25	53.14	58.39
Faith															187.21	187.21
Gainesville															176.60	176.60
Hickory First	2,640.72	7.50	64.60	30.50	270.91	5.00		523.66	71.42		118.08	1,775.37	511.63	6,019.39	10,432.40	16,451.79
West Hickory	30.00		10.00					30.00	15.00			39.50	10.00	13450	2,348.10	2,482.60
Highland	753.69		16.81	5.00	14.95			153.12	22.01			501.49		1,467.07	4,887.69	6,354.76
Kids Chapel															77.00	77.00
Lawing's Chapel	24.90		5.00					22.62	4.70			16.80	20.97	94.99	496.35	591.34
Leonard's Fork	21.75		5.90	5.00				18.77	5.00		1.00	23.80		81.22	120.78	202.00
Lincoln Avenue	1.40	1.95						52.79	5.84					61.98	1,712.38	1,774.36
Lincolnton First	242.15	6.65	38.98	46.51	95.44			129.39	26.34		125.90	375.64	21.81	1,108.81	3,986.11	5,094.92
Long Shoals															42.55	42.55
Macedonia	15.01							10.30					7.00	32.31	448.08	480.39
East Maiden	65.22							72.13	12.60			12.45	149.95	312.35	1,126.29	1,438.64
Maiden First	53.40		40.55	13.22	23.43			127.66	17.51			46.27		322.04	3,671.00	3,993.04
Mt. Ruhama	74.34							49.17	12.87					136.38	2,183.07	2,319.45
Mt. Zion	48.37							91.19	8.26				97.73	245.55	808.26	1,053.81
Mtn. Grove	11.00		8.39	18.74				39.05	15.00			37.75	33.74	163.67	2,166.21	2,329.88
Mtn. View	23.00							16.00	7.00					46.00	23.00	69.00
Newton First	194.85			6.10				188.34	10.00				198.34	597.63	4,227.11	4,824.74
North Newton	57.30		26.40	8.00	12.60			67.95	10.30				39.65	222.20	1,044.77	1,266.97
Olivet	87.00							40.00	10.05					137.05	919.51	1,056.56
Penelope	172.56		1.99	12.43		9.85		4.24	11.15		3.18	134.72	28.60	378.72	2,913.11	3,291.83
Piney Grove	10.10							17.27	2.50				10.10	39.97	177.23	217.20
Providence	44.45							32.00	11.55					88.00	575.78	663.78
Reepsville	10.11		3.54		2.13			4.45	2.55					22.78	198.47	221.25
River View	97.42							129.56	20.55	1.92		63.05	150.11	462.61	1,286.87	1,749.48
Salem								15.00						15.00	431.20	446.20
Sharon			1.70					13.25						14.95	56.07	71.02
Southside					18.59			37.25	11.00				66.84	133.68	1,022.81	1,156.49
Warlicks	5.00							7.88	2.00					14.88	558.25	573.13
	$6,531.09	$ 16.10	$ 309.53	$ 178.59	$ 505.81	$ 15.95		$2,540.57	$ 382.10	$ 5.92	$ 359.00	$3,229.33	$2,029.88	16,103.87	69,182.02	85,285.89

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CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as South Fork Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to educate to the ministry, men called of God and approved by the Church to which they belong; to support the Gospel throughout the bounds of the Association; to assist Baptist churches in erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible by all our people; to promote the work of the Bible School and Young People and to co-operate with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention in all departments of their work.

3. This Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the several member churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association and Chairman of all standing committees. Each church of one hundred members or fraction thereof shall be entitled to two messengers, and for each additional fifty members, an additional messenger; provided, that no church shall have more than five messengers.

4. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected on the closing day of each annual session and shall serve through the next annual meeting.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee for the Association, consisting of the Moderator, ex-officio, and nine members representing the different sections of the Association. The nine members shall be divided into equal groups and elected for one, two and three years. As the terms expire, the successors shall serve for terms of three years. At each annual session, the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three to nominate, at the following annual session, members to fill vacancies of the Executive Committee. Vacancies occurring between sessions of the Association may be filled until next session by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Failure without good reason to attend at least two meetings of the Executive Committee during the year shall disqualify any member from serving the following years. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions and report annually to the Association and bring to the Association such recommendations as they may consider wise.

6. The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present on the first or second day of the Association.

7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the First Sunday in October at ten A. M. The hours for the convention of further sessions of the Association shall be fixed by the Moderator or by the Program Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. This Association shall hold four quarterly union meetings each year, the same to be held each fifth Sunday afternoon. There shall also be an annual Spring session, the same to be purely inspirational. These meetings to be under the direction of Executive Committee, the necessary expenses to be paid from the general fund.

8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee for each annual session, composed of three members, one of which shall be the Pastor of the church with which the Association will meet. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a program for the next annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The number of the messengers shall be ascertained each day previous to proceeding with the business of the Association.

3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one else to preside if he wishes to vacate the chair.

4. The Parliamentary Procedure shall be in accordance with Ker-foot's "Parliamentary Practice", which shall be final authority on any question of procedure arising during the deliberation of the Association.

5. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and shall superintend the printing of the Minutes at an annual salary of $35.00.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

L. L. HATFIELD, Hickory, N. C. ..... Moderator
J. R. CANTRELL, Newton, N. C. ..... Vice-Moderator
J. Y. KILLIAN, Newton, N. C. ..... Treasurer
M. S. BRITTAIN, R.F.D 1, Hickory, N. C. ..... Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Expires 1938

J. Y. Killian, Newton
R. S. Bolick, Brookford
W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton

Term Expires 1939

W. C. Reed
M. S. Brittain
G. S. Whisnant

Term Expires 1940

E. F. Sullivan
T. H. Caldwell
C. W. Ervin

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

G. C. Hewitt, Newton ..... Associational Superintendent
Mrs. Lela Stepp, Brookford ..... Supt. Hickory District
C. W. Ervin, Catawba ..... Supt. Catawba District
G. S. Whisnant, R.F.D. 3, Lincolnton ..... Supt. Maiden District
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse ..... Supt. Lincolnton District
Miss Katie Burke, Boger City ..... Supt. East-Lincoln District
Mrs. Rose Gregg, Newton ..... Secretary-Treasurer

W. M. U. CONVENTION

Mrs. J. Oscar Shuford, Lincolnton ..... Superintendent
Mrs. R. H. Bowles, Hickory ..... Associate Superintendent
Mrs. Carl Canipe, Newton ..... Secretary
Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory ..... Treasurer

District Leaders

Mrs. W. D. Duncan ..... Hickory District
Mrs. J. R. Cantrell ..... Newton-Maiden District
Mrs. George Grice ..... Lincolnton District
Mrs. W. A. Cooke, Hickory ..... Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Lincolnton ..... Personal Service Chairman
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse ..... Literature Chairman
Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Hickory ..... Young People's Leader
Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Hickory ..... Worker-at-Large

OFFICERS OF B. T. U. ORGANIZATION, SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION FOR 1938

Miss Eulalia McClure ..... Leader
Miss Beatrice Cline, Maiden ..... Associate Leader
Miss Louise Honeycutt, Lincolnton ..... General Secretary
Miss Margaret Honeycutt, Lincolnton ..... Corresponding Secretary
Miss Rebecca Lawrence, Hickory ..... Chorister
Miss Lila Sullivan, Hickory ..... Pianist
Mr. S. C. Duncan, Hickory ..... Adult Leader
Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Hickory ..... Senior Leader
Miss Eulalia McClure, Alexis ..... Intermediate Leader
Miss May Wright, Hickory ..... Junior Leader
Miss Ada Hauss, South Side ..... Story Hour
Miss Donnie Hudson, Hickory ..... District No. 1
Miss Stella Elliot, Catawba ..... District No. 2
Mr. J. D. Turner, Maiden ..... District No. 3
Mrs. C. F. Clanton, Jr., Boger City ..... District No. 4
Mr. Anderson Britt, Lincolnton ..... District No. 5

LIST OF MESSENGERS
(SESSION—1937)

Church	Messengers
Amity	E. L. Ballard, Burgin Miller, Pat Mullen
Antioch	Ralph Pendleton, Mrs. Ralph Pendleton
Bethel	None
Boger City	Mrs. S. A. Hutchins, Mrs. J. P. Williams
Brookford	Stella Bolick, Eula Mae Spencer, Mrs. J. J. Stepp
Brown Memorial	Mrs. F. G. Harris, Mrs. Q. A. League
Catawba	F. E. Booth, Lillian Bridges, Mrs. C. B. Wike, Mrs. H. A. Witherspoon
Cedar Grove	Mrs. John Beard, John Beard, Mrs. Marvin Hoyle
Center View	S. P. Beal, Mattie Turbyfill
Corninth	F. R. Bumgarner, Miss Elma Stallings, J. A. Wilson
Denver	None
Faith	Horace Bradshaw, P. L. Sigmon
Gainsville	None
Hickory First	Mrs. R. C. Carlton, C. W. Ellington, Mrs. Tom Hudson, Robert Perry, Thomas P. Pruitt, J. A. Steelman, Mrs. J. A. Steelman
West Hickory	T. A. Winkler
Highland	Mrs. Terry Davis, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Mrs. C. D. Hyder
Kid's Chapel	None
Lawning's Chapel	Mrs. W. M. Lawning, G. S. Whisnant, Fred Wright
Leonard's Fork	L. H. Heafner, Vance Heavner, Mrs. J. W. Hoover
Lincoln Avenue	E. M. Hallman
Lincolnton First	Mrs. W. G. Bandy, W. E. Garrison, E. B. Goodin, Mrs. Geo. R. Grice, Mrs. C. L. Knight, Mrs. J. O. Shuford
Long Shoals	None
Macedonia	F. W. Barker, Evelyn Ewing, Van Buren Ewing, W. A. Potts, C. E. Ewing
East Maiden	Miss Ollie Pearcy, Mrs. L. R. Williams, E. H. Williams, John Yoder, Eva Yoder
Maiden First	F. H. Caldwell, R. E. Donner, Mrs. R. E. Donner, Mrs. C. G. Ellis, Mrs. J. A. Frye, Mrs. J. W. Goins
Mt. Ruhama	Martin Abernethy, Sarah Ballard, Frank Ballard, R. B. Laney, John Murray, Mrs. Perry Hawn
Mt. Zion	Mrs. D. T. Long, Mrs. L. A. McClure
Mt. Grove	C. S. Eckard, G. F. Huffman, Mrs. A. P. Whitener
Mt. View	M. O. Gilleland, W. G. Gilleland, F. E. Little
Newton First	Mrs. Carl C. Canipe, Mrs. G. P. Coulter, Mrs. B. C. Hilton, Mrs. C. F. Little, V. A. Randall, Mrs. Garland Wilson

North Newton	C. L. Barker, Mrs. J. E. Link, Mrs. Clarence Wilkinson, C. F. Witherspoon
Olivet	J. F. Callaway, W. W. Ervin, Edna Kale, Inez Kale, H. G. Kale, Maude Pope
Penelope	Mrs. C. C. Annas, Mrs. Fred Bolick, Mrs. W. A. Cooke, Mrs. T. F. Digh, Mrs. F. G. Elrod
Piney Grove	J. T. Abernethy, P. E. Caldwell, Miss Ruth Setzer, Miss Henry Etta Setzer
Providence	Yates Abernethy, D. W. Brittain, Millie Whitener
Reepsville	None
River View	E. S. Beal, Mrs. R. A. Coffey, Eliza Carswell, S. A. Rhodes
Salem	None
Sharon	Clarence Helms, Samuel Dellinger
Southside	None
Warlick's	Mrs. J. A. Nox

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Associational Officers	4
Pastors and Ministers	24
Official Messengers and Alternates	115
From Associational Churches (other than messengers)	140
State Officers and Representatives	5
Visitors from Local Community	47
Visitors from Outside Community	23
Pastors and Ministers Outside Association	4
Total Registered Attendance	362

NUMBER OF VISITORS
Association

Caldwell	1
French Broad	1
North Catawba	1
Central	2
Liberty	1
Mecklenburg	1
Sandy Run	1

NUMBER OF VISITORS
Other Denominations

Lutheran	2
Methodist	5

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

R. F. Terrell	Smith Hagaman	Hoyt Blackwell
Zon Robinson	M. A. Huggins	R. D. Covington

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1937

The South Fork Baptist Association convened at 10:00 A. M., the 7th day of October, A. D., 1937, in its 59th annual session, with Catawba Baptist Church, Catawba, North Carolina, with those messengers in attendance as shown by list of messengers.

Moderator L. L. Hatfield called the meeting to order. S. A. Stroup, who was director of music for the annual meeting, led the opening hymns. W. W. Marr, Pastor West Hickory Baptist Church, had charge of the devotional service. He used Phillipians 1:1-24 as a basis for his theme, "Joy". Prayer was led by W. R. Bradshaw.

The messengers from the churches were enrolled.

J. R. Cantrell introduced the new pastors, who were as follows: Hoyle Love, North Newton; J. E. Carter, Assistant Pastor Brown Memorial; K. D. Stukenbrok, who has done special work in the Association.

Moderator Hatfield made several important announcements. (1) He urged all country churches to place signboards at nearby interesctions. (2) He stressed the need of a Baptist Church in the central part of a large territory in the northeastern section of Catawba County. (3) He appealed for an offering to Dry Forces, and (4) he requested all messengers to remain throughout the entire meeting.

F. G. Womack gave the report of the program committee. It was adopted with the understanding that the committee continue service during the session.

Pastor S. A. Stroup welcomed the Association.

Prof. J. R. Robbins of Forest City, who is a teacher and director of music, also an evangelistic singer, led the hymn, "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed".

Hoyle Love then gave the following report:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

As we think, so are we. That which we read has most to do with shaping our lives. Knowing this fact, we should be very careful as to what we read.

Philippians 4:8—"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there by any praise, think on these things." Here is an admonition to think of the best things.

If we read ten cent novels and other trashy literature, we will think

low thoughts and live low lives. Parents ought to see that their children read only the best literature.

We recommend that a portion of the Bible be read each day, because here is where we learn about God, Christ and the Holy Spirit. We should also read our Denominational literature, such as **The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children,** and other periodicals which our Denomination prints.

Out of the 41 churches in this Association, with 7,217 members, only 278 Recorders are received. This is approximately one to every 27 members. There are 429 copies of Charity and Children coming to this Association, one to every 16 members. The Recorder can be obtained for $1.50 per year, by placing it in the budget. **Charity and Children** can be secured for sixty cents per year in clubs of 10 or more. I am sure that each church should receive this literature, because no Baptist can be well informed on Baptist doings without reading the Recorder. People are going to read something, so let us read the best. Our women are best informed, because they read and study the literature which gives them this information.

Respectfully submitted,
HOYLE LOVE

Brother Love spoke to the report. He emphasized Daily Bible Reading, also reading the Baptist's periodicals.

Rev. R. F. Terrell, Circulation Manager of Biblical Recorder, made a strong appeal for "The Biblical Recorder", which is a constructive agent of the church.

The Report on Religious Literature was adopted.

Mrs. J. O. Shuford gave the following report:

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union is a graded system of organization for women and young people, for the purpose of carrying out Christ's Great Commission. Its programs are planned to emphasize its aims and ideals, which are based on the fundamental principles of Christian living; namely, Bible and Mission study, prayer and personal service, enlistment and soul winning, and Christian stewardship.

It is not a separate organization from the regular program of the church, but is a vital part of the church's life, and should co-operate with the church in all its activities.

A full-graded union is made up of the Woman's Missionary Society, the Young Woman's Auxiliary, the Royal Ambassador Chapter, the Girl's Auxiliary, and the Sunbeam Band.

In the South Fork Association there are forty-one churches, with nineteen Missionary Societies, eleven Young Woman's Auxiliaries, four Royal Ambassador Chapters, eleven Girl's Auxiliaries, and ten Sunbeam Bands, with a total membership of 969.

Gifts this year, reported through the Associational Superintendent, amounted to $2,666.80.

There are still in our Association, twenty-two churches unorganized, with 2,494 women and young people with no special missionary training.

Besides the regular meeting in April, there are four Executive and District meetings annually. The latter are called by the District leader to her District, and are very helpful with their programs of encouragement and inspiration.

As has been the custom for several years, the Association provided

a cottage at Ridgecrest, sending a manager, a chaperone, and sixteen young women to the Young Woman's Auxiliary conference in June.

In September, the Young People's Leader of the Association, held a successful rally at the First Church in Hickory.

Since Missions is the chief thing in which God wants His church to be interested, then we, as an Association, as a church, and as individuals are obligated to open the eyes of the countless millions at home and abroad without Christ, who alone can save them.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. O. SHUFORD

Instead of speaking to the report, Mrs. Shuford introduced the officers of the organization who were present, as follows: Mrs. Carl Canipe, Secretary; Mrs. John Hoover, Literature Chairman; Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Personal Service Chairman; and Miss Stella Coulter, Young People's Leader. Each officer gave a brief plan of her work for the coming year.

The W. M. U. Report was adopted.

Pastor Stroup made announcements with regard to the entertainment of visitors.

After the hymn "Amazing Grace" was sung, the Clerk read the names of the special committees which the Moderator had appointed, as follows:

Place and Preacher for 1938 Session—Zoe Brown, W. A. Potts, and C. S. Eckerd.

Digest of Church Letters—E. F. Sullivan, R. K. Redwine, and H. B. Jones.

Auditing Committee—T. P. Pruitt, C. H. Henderson, and L. R. Williams.

J. Y. Killian, Treasurer and Trustee of Scholarship Fund, presented the annual report, which follows:

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Funds on hand and invested as follows:

B. B. Burris, Newton, N. C. (Note dated Nov. 2, 1936)	$ 200.00
G. S. Whisnant, Maiden, N. C. (Note dated Nov. 2, 1936)	400.00
W. D. Hursey, Claremont, N. C. (Note dated Jan. 23, 1937)	500.00
Town of Maiden (Note dated May 1, 1937)	1,500.00
Oct. 1, 1937—On deposit at Shuford National Bank	6.25
	$2,606.25

Receipts

Oct. 1,1936—On deposit at Shuford National Bank	$ 400.85
Dec. 7, 1936—Collected note of W. D. Hursey	500.00
Dec. 7, 1936—Collected interest on W. D. Hursey note	15.40
Dec. 15, 1936—Collected Interest on Town of Maiden note	90.00

April 28, 1937—Collected interest on G. S. Whisnant note	24.00
May 4, 1937—Collected interest on B. B. Burris note	12.00
Sept. 25, 1937—Collected interest on W. D. Hursey note	30.00
	$1,072.25

Loans and Disbursements

Nov. 2, 1936—Loaned G. S. Whisnant, Maiden, N. C.	$ 400.00
Jan. 23, 1937—Loaned W. D. Hursey, Claremont, N. C.	500.00
Dec. 9, 1936—Paid Mars Hill College balance due on Miss Speagle's tuition	16.00
Dec. 15, 1936—Paid Mars Hill College on Miss Hudson's tuition	90.00
May 6, 1937—Paid Mars Hill College on Miss Hudson's tuition	36.00
Sept. 25, 1937—Paid Mars Hill College on Miss Hudson's tuition	24.00
Oct. 2, 1937—On deposit at Shuford National Bank	6.25
	$1,072.25

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN, Trustee.

Minute Fund, Clerk Hire, and General Expenses of the Association

Oct. 1, 1936—Balance in the Bank (see Minutes, 1936)	$ 5.74
Oct. 8, 1936—Minute fund and expense collection	165.65
Collection for N. C. Dry Forces	19.27
April 19, 1937—Collection at Center View Church for Ministers tuition at summer school	13.00
June 12, 1937—Collection for Bro. W. R. Bradshaw to attend Southern Baptist Convention	13.34
(Bro. Bradshaw donated this fund to the exp. acct. of Assoc.)	
Aug. 29, 1937—Collection at 5th Sunday meeting	6.81
	$ 223.81

Disbursements

Oct. 10, 1936—Treasurer's book and stamps	$ 2.90
Oct. 10, 1936—Cale Burgess for N. C. Dry Forces	19.27
Oct. 18, 1936—Hickory Ptg. Co. for programs for Assoc. meet	7.00
Oct. 18, 1936—Dr. Walter Johnson expenses to Association	2.50
Oct. 18, 1936—Dr. C. Frank Pittman expenses to Association	5.00
Jan. 4, 1937—Hickory Printing Co. for printing Minutes	84.40
Jan. 4, 1937—M. S. Brittian's salary as clerk	35.00
Feb. 27, 1937—Expenses for 5th Sunday meeting	2.50
June 12, 1937—Expenses for Men's meeting	7.24
June 12, 1937—M. A. Huggins for ministers tuition	13.00
Sept. 17, 1937—Expenses for 5th Sunday meeting	5.60
Sept. 19, 1937—Expenses for Promotion meeting at Maiden	20.00
	$ 204.41
Oct. 1, 1937—Balance in Treasury	19.40
	$ 223.81

Other Collection Paid in Cash to Other Objects

Feb. 2, 1937—Collection paid to Cale Burgess for N. C. Dry Forces	$ 20.70
Aug. 27, 1937—Collection at 5th Sunday meeting for a cripple, Bro. Lawrence Davis	30.72
	$ 51.42

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN, Treas.

Brother Redwine moved that the report be accepted.

After Mrs. C. L. Clinton, accompanied by Mrs. R. M. Perry, sang a solo. E. F. Sullivan of Highland Baptist Church, preached the annual sermon, on the theme "Opportunity Matched by Responsibility". He used Luke 12:48 as his text.

After prayer by C. H. Henderson, the Association adjourned at 12:25 for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 1:15 P. M. After a brief song service, J. E. Carter conducted the Worship Service. He used I Corinthians 3:1-11 as a basis for the topic, "God's Fellow-workers".

E. F. Sullivan gave the following report:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the South Fork Association is composed of the Moderator, ex-officio, and nine members representing the different sections of the Association.

The Executive Committee has supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. We hold from three to four meetings of the Executive Committee a year, according to the need.

This year we have taken care of our scholarship fund through the trustee, J. Y. Killian, who is a member of the Executive Committee. but the whole Executive Committee advises with him always.

We mapped out our general meetings, so as to avoid conflicts and to more evenly distribute our meetings over the Association. We planned programs for, and held four union meetings. We also did the same for our splendid spring session of the Association.

We have promoted the collection of the minute and expense fund of the Association to the point where we no longer waste the time of the Association by begging offerings for this purpose. Nearly all of our churches are contributing to this fund, and they are giving about enough to take care of the legitimate expenses, such as: printing, clerk's salary, programs, traveling expenses of outside speakers, etc.

We continue to hold before our people our fourteen objectives, which are as follows:

1. Every church with a pastor.
2. At least one revival a year in each church.
3. Every church with a Sunday School enrollment at least as large as the church membership.
4. Every church with a live B. T. U.
5. Every church with an active W. M. S.
6. Every church with an attractive name-plate, so that all who pass by may recognize it as a Baptist church.
7. Every quarter-time or half-time church formed into a compact field with another church or churches, with a pastor centrally located.
8. A club of Charity and Children in each Sunday School.
9. Every church with at least one-tenth of its resident membership

receiving the Biblical Recorder.

10. Not less than one-tenth of the members of each church bringing a tithe into the storehouse of the Lord.

11. Every church contributing to the Co-operative Program and making remittance once a month to the Convention Treasurer.

12. Every Sunday School contributing and remitting to the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina once a month.

13. Every church making a Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage.

14. Every church making a Mother's Day offering to the Baptist Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

Brother Bradshaw moved that the report be adopted. It was adopted.

T. P. Pruitt gave the following report:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books and investigate the securities in the investment fund, report that we have carefully checked all receipts and disbursements, and find them to be correct and all payments are evidenced by receipts and cancelled checks, and in our opinion, were paid for necessary and proper expenses of the Association. We find the investments amply and, in our opinion, properly secured.

We commend the Treasurer on his careful and faithful handling of the finances of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. HENDERSON,
L. R. WILLIAMS,
T. P. PRUITT.

Brother Redwine moved that the report be adopted. It was adopted, along with the Treasurer's report.

Brother Sullivan commended Mr. Killian for his efficient work as Treasurer.

The state of the churches was next presented in the following manner:

One minute report from each church. As the roll of the churches was called, the following gave a report: Amity, Boger City, Brown Memorial, Catawba, Center View, Corinth, Denver, Faith, Hickory First, Long Shoals, Macedonia, East Maiden, Maiden First, Mt. Ruhama, Mt. Zion, Mt. Grove, Highland, Lawning's Chapel, Leonard's Fork, Lincolnton First, Mt. View, Newton First, North Newton, Olivet, Penelope, Piney Grove, Providence, Reepsville, River View, Salem, Sharon, Southside, and Warlick's.

The following churches gave no report: Antioch, Bethel, Brookford, Cedar Grove, Gainsville, West Hickory, Kid's Chapel, and Lincoln Avenue.

Z. W. Brown, chairman of the Committee on Place and Preacher for 1938 Session, recommended that the Association meet with Boger City, and that C. H. Henderson preach the annual sermon, with C. G. Ellis as the alternate. The recommendation was adopted.

J. R. Cantrell, chairman of the Committee to nominate three members of the Executive Committee for those whose terms will expire in 1937, presented the following: E. F. Sullivan, T. H. Caldwell, C. W. Ervin.

The report was adopted, and the designated men were elected to serve three years on the Executive Committee.

Miss Stella Coulter sang a solo.

The Co-operative Program was presented as follows:

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

First—The work of the Relief and Annuities Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Dallas, Texas, should find a large place in the hearts and thoughts of every Baptist in the South. We should make it a matter of prayer, of study, and co-operative effort.

Why—Because God would have us help one another, and above all, he wants us to take care of His Ambassadors, who are our Ministers, Preachers, or Laymen.

Second—Ministers are gifts of Christ Himself to the churches (Eph. 4:11) The minister is God made and not man made, Paul so declared in (Eph. 3:7) "Whereof I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of His power". Too often our churches have forgotten this, and have depended too much on human wisdom when they have sought a minister; they have often dealt with the minister on the basis of barter rather than assuming their responsibility for his worthy upkeep, that he might give himself wholly to his ministery.

The minister is an employee of the church, but only in a secondary sense; he is first of all God's Ambassador. As Paul said to Timothy, he is worthy of double honor when he gives himself to the preaching and teaching of the word of God. The minister is worthy of his support while he is physically and mentally fit for the burden bearing in the churches, and when the evening Shadows gather, he should be able to pillow his weary head on the bosom of a grateful people and receive a comfortable support until God calls him home, without there being a semblance of charity in it all. While we deal in this article in a major way with the great work of caring for our ministers (ordained) in their old age, we do not hesitate to include our so-called lay ministry (unordained). Ministering ministers and ministering laymen have a like claim upon churches, boards, and institutions in which they serve for their necessities, both while they are active, and after they are laid aside on account of disease or age.

The Care of our Aged and Infirm Preachers and Widows

First, the Board continually faces the great task laid upon it by the Southern Baptist Convention, and by the various States, of providing food, clothing, and shelter for thousands of ministers who have grown old in the service of Christ, and for the widows of those who have gone to their Heavenly home. The outstreached hands of these needy ones should make an appeal to the generosity of the people of our churches,

and one that should find quick and practical response. "Who would begrudge a few embers to keep the frosts of winter from chilling the weary frames of those veterans of the Cross?"

The Fellowship Offering

The Relief and Annuity Board is now asking that a special "Fellowship Offering" be taken by each church, at least once a year in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper. This offering will be in addition to their regular contributions and should be sent with other contributions, but marked "Special Fellowship Offering for Ministerial Relief". If thousands of our churches will take this "Fellowship Offering", the Relief and Annuity Board will be able to send thousands of dollars more money to these aged and dependent veterans.

Building the Day of Need

The younger men now active in the ministry of Southern Baptist Churches will, if they live, grow old, and unless something is done to prevent them from reaching old age in poverty, they are well nigh certain to become dependents upon the churches or upon their communities. It is not enough to say that the children and grandchildren of aged ministers should or will take care of them. The simple truth is that most of them do not, and many of them could not if they would; they have family cares of their own that usually make drafts upon them for all they can do. Many children of ministers do help their parents, and they often do it at very great sacrifice, but be that as it may, is it not better for churches and ministers to co-operate in the payment of certain (not burdensome) dues by means of which age benefits may be built up through the Relief and Annuity Board during the years of active service and drawn upon during the years of inactivity and retirement. These church dues may be limited to three per cent (3% of the minister's monthly salary), while the minister pays a like amount. No salary is too small to enable the churches and ministers to benefit by this plan.

Record of Benefits Paid

The Board has provided benefits to aged ministers and widows on the relief side of its work. To April 1, 1937, nearly $2,000,000; and in annuities, over $1,000,000, or a combined total of over $3,000,000. Millions more are to be paid contractually and otherwise in the years that are to come. The Relief and Annuity Board is the pension agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, not only for the pastors whom it seeks to protect against old age dependency, but for employees of its boards and institutions, lay or ordained. Every foreign missionary comes under one of its pension provisions. A large group of orphanage employees likewise are protected through another of its plans. Our state Board employees are soon to be provided for in a like manner. Special consideration is being given now, looking to the protection of our College Staffs, and those who labor in our hospitals.

A Great and Worthy Southern Baptist Convention Instrument

The Relief and Annuity Board was, after much deliberation and intelligent planning, constituted by the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1918. To it was given an immense task. Quite worthily it has fulfilled this task. It has given its thousands and at the same time has conserved and increased its funds. In 1919 the Board had assets of $106,428.53; today its assets are $4,500,000. It has earned on its invested funds more than $2,500,000. This Board is an ably and conservatively managed fiduciary institution, and is worthy of the confidence of our laymen and ministers.

Concerning the Board's Administration of Relief Funds

The founders of the Relief and Annuity Board, from the beginning,

laid great stress on the matter of giving immediate relief to ministers and widows, who had already grown old in a state of dependency. Many such ministers had been missionary pioneers, and had never served. Thousands of churches failed to look upon their ministers as laborers "Worthy of Their Hire", and thousands of ministers have come to old age in penury.

The appeal which the Board has made in behalf of this great group of ministers should have been far more effective than it has been. It is with regret that the writer has to say that the contributions of Southern Baptists, for the upkeep of these aged ones have never reflected the heart-felt interest of our people in them. The gifts of Southern Baptists for this relief work are less than two cents per member, per year. One would be fairly justified in concluding that our interest has been more theoretical than practical. Yet, with such embarassing limitations, the Board has paid benefits each year to approximately 1,200 families, and nearly $2,000,000 paid to these needy ones set joy bells ringing in their every heart. May you and I, by the help of God, do more for this cause than we have.

Respectfully submitted,
Z. W. BROWN.

Mr. Brown spoke to his report, also Brothers Sullivan and Stukenbrok.

T. P. Pruitt moved that the report be accepted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The year closing June 30, 1937 was the greatest in the history of the fourteen years in ministry of the Baptist Hospital located at Winston-Salem—greatest in number of patients admitted, in number of churches contributing to its support, and the greatest in amount contributed.

About 5,000 patients applied for treatment during the year. Of this number, 1,000 could not be admitted for want of room. The hospital never turns away a patient as long as there is an empty bed.

The Nurses' Home is now being enlarged—the capacity being doubled —also plans are underway to enlarge the Hospital.

During the year, 1,000 mothers were returned to their 3,000 children; 4,000 patients returned home to 20,000 fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, and 200,000 interested kinsmen and friends.

The Hospital has a staff of 5 internes, 66 doctors, and 55 nurses. The Hospital and doctors are rendering a vast amount of free service to sick and distressed humanity—not less than $160,000 for the year—these patients coming from practically every section of the State.

The Hospital depends very largely on the Mother's Day offering for providing treatment to those who cannot pay. This offering last May was a little more than $20,000. Hospital linen, such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc., has been donated in increased quantities this year by Woman's Missionary Unions and other church organizations.

As a Christian Institution, this Hospital always endeavors to minister to, not only the suffering body, but to the distressed mind and spirit as well.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. JONES.

Motion was made to accept the report.

Brother Jones was recognized to speak, but yielded his time to Smith

Hagaman, Superintendent of Baptist Hospital, who made an enthusiastic appeal for cooperation in the great work that the Hospital was doing for the physical, mental, and spiritual life of the distressed.

The Hospital report was adopted.

Moderator Hatfield recognized the following visitors: Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Hagaman, and Zon Robinson.

J. R. Cantrell presented the following:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Reports on Christian Education at our associations help no school unless they encourage the churches and individuals to help some school with both funds and students. The ideal of turning out graduates with a real interest in doing church work, and with a better knowledge of how to do church work, is crystallizing in all our Baptist schools. The ideal for Baptists is that we must maintain these schools, and so maintain them that they shall rank as first rate institutions educationally. It is inevitable that institutions that are not Baptist will attract, train, and hold our Baptist youth, unless we Baptists adequately equip and endow our schools, so that these schools will be able to offer Baptist youth as complete educational advantages as are found in other schools. We should make them first-class in every respect. In physical appearance, academic requirements, and wholesomeness of atmosphere, they must be second to no other. They must be able to attract our most capable young men and women, and train them thoroughly for high places of wise leadership. They must have a competent, wise and consecrated personnel, who without apology, will emphasize a comprehensive culture which is God-centered.

Our Baptist schools show commendable gains in all ranks from academies to the seminaries, gains totaling nearly 2,000 more students than the preceding year. In our Association, we have at least 21 attending Baptist colleges. Endowments show gains for the year, amounting to $6,292,127.85, while the values of school properties increased $5,161,-764.90. Facts like these show that several of our states are alert and active in their efforts to give our schools the support they need to render greater Christian service, and to provide more adequate educational opportunity for our Baptist sons and daughters under Christian enviroment. We put it into the record again, our real task in all these denominational schools is to make them, and to keep them, deeply and genuinely Christian in all their ways, and in all their life; in adminstration, in campus relations, in spiritual emphasis in class teaching. When that time comes, there will be in our schools that additional plus of Christian ideals, atmosphere, and activities that Baptists may well regard as essential.

The potency of Christian culture and the preservation of some evangelical fervor are dependent upon Christian education. Some of us know that encouragement is so slight that many pastors are poorly trained, and that others are starved physically, mentally, and spiritually, yet we dislike to hear them preach unless they deliver intelligent sermons. We are critical when they are uninformed; we are provoked when they do not keep abreast of current movements. But with salaries so low, what books can they buy? To what first class periodicals can they subscribe? What opportunity is there for advanced study? Moreover, we burden them with petty demands, selfish requests, and our own obligations, until their time and energy are exhausted.

Some things cannot be tabulated or computed, the value of the good

will of our friends, the loyalty of former students, and the faith that holds on. In the field of education, we feel that progress has been made. There is need yet to enlarge the place of our tent and to strengthen the stakes, and the cooperation of our friends everywhere is coveted as a program of enlargement is envisioned. The problems and needs of our college constituency are urgently challenging. We must meet the challenge or face the future with many of our college trained youth lost to the Master's service. But with youth and maturity clasping hands in the Master's service, we can go forth, sharing Christ with a waiting world.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. CANTRELL.

Brother Cantrell yielded his time recognized to speak to his report to the speakers from the Christian Institutions.

E. F. Sullivan spoke a word of praise to Mars Hill College.

After the hymn, "Am I A Soldier of The Cross" was sung, J. R. Cantrell introduced Dr. Hoyt Blackwell of Mars Hill College, who stressed the work and needs of his college. Dr. Blackwell said that the Christian College was an arm of the church.

T. P. Pruitt introduced Zon Robinson, Religious Secretary of Wake Forest College, who made an address emphasizing the need of spiritual training that is given in our Christian Colleges.

The Report on Christian Education was adopted.

J. Y. Killian, Secretary of Historical Committee, gave a report of the Committee. He insisted that the churches take an active interest in their histories. Only 31 churches have sent in historical information. Since the work had not been completed, Moderator Hatfield continued the Committee.

Pastor Stroup made an announcement concerning entertainment of messengers for the night.

Moderator Hatfield insisted that all return for the second day's meeting, in order to hear the special speakers on the program.

After singing the hymn, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus", the Association adjourned for the afternoon. Dr. Blackwell offered the closing prayer.

EVENING SESSION

The Association reconvened at 7:05 P. M. and sang an opening hymn, "All The Way My Savior Leads Me". J. R. Cantrell led the devotional exercises. He used Acts 2 as a basis for his discussion.

Since Miss Alma Burns was absent, W. A. Garrison, Superintendent

of B. Y. P. U., and Miss Eulalia McClure, leader of Intermediate B. Y. P. U., each gave their plans for the work of the Organization.

E. F. Sullivan made a motion to adopt the reports, with the understanding that Miss Burn's report be sent to the clerk later . It was so ordered.

REPORT OF B. Y. P. U.

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union of North Carolina was organized in 1909. The first State Convention was held in Durham in 1910. Ten Unions were represented at this Convention. The Convention held in 1925 was attended by more than 1,600 representatives. You will see by this that the B. Y. P. U. State Convention has grown to be the largest Baptist meeting held in the state.

This work is fostered by both the Baptist State Convention and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The State Mission Board has had for some time, full time workers. Their time is spent in general field work, such as conducting training schools, institutes, holding conventions, associational and district rallies.

B. Y. P. U. is the training agency of the Baptist denomination. Its object, as taken from the B. Y. P. U. Constitution, "shall be to increase spirituality of the young Christians, their training in essential church activities, their edification in spiritual knowledge, their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavors through existing denominational organizations".

We recommend that all our churches assume B. Y. P. U. as a church task, electing the officers, publicly installing them, recognizing them as church officers, calling upon them for reports, making them responsible to the church, and supporting the work financially, with sympathy and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
MISS ALMA BURNS.

A quartet composed of N. A. Yount, F. R. McClain, Hendley Ellington, and B. K. Dellinger of Hickory, accompanied by Mrs. Vena Little Goode, Director of Music of First Baptist Church, Hickory, sang "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken".

G. C. Hewitt, Superintendent of Sunday School Convention of South Fork Association, explained the purpose of the monthly meetings and stressed the importance of Sunday School work.

J. R. Cantrell moved that his report be accepted. It was adopted.

W. C. Reid presented the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Bible is the message of Life to all who accept it. It is also the revelation of God's Will and Plan for every life. The Sunday Schools are the Church Services through which this Blessed Book is taught to both saved and unsaved. The effectiveness of this teaching is manifested by the fact that eight out of ten persons who join our Churches on profession of Faith, come from the Sunday Schools. Hence, the importance of the Sunday School in the development of a Church, or Associa-

tion of Churches, and in the spread of Christianity cannot be overestimated.

The South Fork Association, when compared with either the Southern Baptist Convention or the Baptist State Convention, has an excellent record in Sunday School work. In the Southern Baptist Convention, the Sunday School enrollment is twenty-eight per cent less than Church membership; in North Carolina it is sixteen per cent less; while in the South Fork Association it is two per cent less than the Church membership.

Although this record is far better than that of the average Association of the South, when we compare it with our POSSIBILITIES and RESPONSIBILITIES, we are made to blush with shame. With all of our opportunities, we have reached and enrolled in our Sunday Schools not more than one-third of the people who are inclined to the Baptist Faith. WHAT A CHALLENGE TO ENLIST THE OTHER TWO-THIRDS!

It is conservatively estimated that forty per cent of the Sunday School enrollment are non-church members. Then, in the Southern Baptist Convention, only forty-three per cent of the Church members ever attend Sunday School; in North Carolina only fifty per cent ever attend; and in the South Fork Association, only sixty-three per cent of our Church members ever attend Sunday School. Another alarming fact is that more than half of those enrolled are irregular in attendance. As a matter of fact, in this Association, there is an average of only thirty-six Church members out of a hundred at Sunday School on Sunday morning. WHERE ARE THE OTHER SIXTY-FOUR WHO WERE CLEANSED? Our TASK is to REACH AND TEACH THEM.

Interest in Sunday School work in this Association has been greatly stimulated by the Sunday School Conventions that have been held in the different Churches. During the year there have been twelve of these meetings, with a total attendance of more than fourteen hundred people.

During the coming year, we should strive to increase both our enrollment and average attendance. This can be accomplished only by a concerted effort by those who are interested in promoting the Kingdom of God on earth. Incessant prayer and determined effort will reach the people, insure better teaching, and deepen the spiritual life of any Church.

In closing this report, I should like to recommend to the Association that there be a simultaneous Sunday School Revival in every Church in the Association this year, and that there be a complete religious census taken at that time to ascertain the GREAT UNFINISHED TASK THAT ALMIGHTY GOD HAS LAID UPON US.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. REED.

After Brothers Reid and Sullivan spoke to the report, it was adopted.

The quartet sang, "Shall I Crucify My Savior"?

E. F. Sullivan, Chairman of Promotion Committtee, presented the following report:

REPORT OF PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Brother M. A. Huggins, our State Secretary, holds a meeting every year for the promotion chairmen of the 70 Associations of the State. At these meetings, plans are discussed for the development of the spiritual life of the churches and the promotion of our missionary program. This year, this meeting was held at Meredith College, and your chairman was present as usual.

The Promotion Committee of this Association has held two meetings

this year, one last fall, and the other a few weeks ago. These meetings, especially the last one, were well attended. An effort was made to have every church represented.

These meetings furnish information and inspiration for the local church leagues, and most of all, it is an effort to get all our churches to step together in a solid front against sin at home and paganism abroad.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN, Chm.

The report was adopted.

The quartet sang "Quit Ye Like Men, Be Strong".

E. F. Hardin gave an interesting discussion on "The Church Covenant". He emphasized responsibility to ourselves, to each other, and to the church wherever we might go.

The Moderator thanked all participants on the program, and appealed to all to return the second day in order to hear the special speakers who would appear on the program.

After singing "How Firm A Foundation", the Association was dismissed by C. J. Ellis.

SECOND DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1937

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 9:20 A. M., on its second and last day of the 1937 session. Song service was conducted again by S. A. Stroup. The Worship Service was conducted by L. R. Williams, Pastor of East Maiden, who used II Corinthians 8:5 as a basis for the topic "Giving Ourselves to Christ". After singing "My All I Give to Thee", the Association was led in prayer by Paul Drum.

Roll was called of the churches which failed to respond the first day, and the number of messengers (7) was recorded.

The Association sang "More Love to Thee, O Christ".

The Co-operative Program, dealing with the three mission fields was presented as follows:

(1) State Missions by W. C. Laney.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Nearly two hundred years ago Jesus said "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth". But there has been very little witnessing done for Christ's sake for about a hundred years. The objective

of State Missions has been to win the people to witness for Christ, and here is what Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe every command which I have given you: and lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world". Now this is what we are doing about Jesus' program in the State: we aid a few preachers to preach to the poor, we do a little training in the Kingdom's work, and we have two working with the Indians in Robeson County. The Baptist State Convention is now undertaking some cooperative work with the Negro State Convention. We have one negro missionary working with the quarter of a million negro Baptists in the state, to say nothing of all the negroes that are not enlisted. To work among students in the colleges, we have only one full time student Secretary, Miss Cleo Mitchell, who is located at Greensboro. There are two general missionaries, M. O. Alexander and J. C. Pipes. Mr. Pipes spends his full time in the western part of the state. These men hold revivals, visit general meetings, and help churches in forming fields, and answer all kinds of calls that come to them for assistance. Other men could be used in this work to a great advantage. The State is too large to be covered by only two men. Jesus is saying to us, "Untie the men, and let them go". This South Fork Association has not given over $2,000 this year for State missions. "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, 'where art thou?'" If we would listen, we would hear him calling us today, saying, "Where art thou? "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Until we pastors get a vision of the Kingdom of God here in this Association, the people will perish.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. LANEY.

Brother Cantrell moved that the report be accepted. Pastor Laney spoke to his report.

(2) Home Missions by S. M. Stroup.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The subject of Home Missions is one of growing importance to the minds of Southern Baptists. Within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and in Cuba and Panama, there are more than twenty-nine million unchurched people. If they are to be reached at all, it must be by missionaries sent to them, and as the Baptists are the most numerous religious denomination in the South, this is largely a Baptist responsibility.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is lifting up Christ among the Indians, the Foreigners, the Negroes, and the under-privileged in the cities and congested industrial sections, and among the unreached millions of Cuba and Panama. In all of its departments of work, including the mission field, the Sanitorium, the rescue missions, the good-will centers, and the schools, the Board has 327 missionaries working in 850 mission stations. Not all, therefore, of the 327 are preaching missionaries, some being teachers in our schools, some workers in the hospital at El Paso, Texas, while others are employed at the central office in Atlanta. All of them are doing missionary work, however.

According to the report of our Executive Secretary, this has been a year of progress, thirty-five new missionaries having been placed in the field. This enlargement of our work was made possible by receipts from the Bottoms Trust and from unsolicited designations. In the South our missionaries opened 39 new stations last year, while in Cuba, where we

have two and one-half million unchurched people, three new churches were organized.

Contrary to the former practice, the Board has now adjusted its budget so as to operate on a cash basis. For the past three and one-half years, no money has been borrowed for current work. During the calendar year 1936, the Board received from all sources $443,455, an increase of $46,-291 over the receipts for the previous year. Of the total amount contributed, the women gave $113,981 in the Annie W. Armstrong offering, all specially designated, while $56,720 came from the Bottoms Trust. During the past year $108,313 were paid on the debt.

All that our 24,537 Southern Baptist Churches are doing for the groups mentioned above, is being done through the Home Mission Board. The South Fork Association, with its 41 churches, is one of 909 Associations in the South which contribute to the work of the Board, and it is appropriate that we now note the extent of our contributions for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. STROUPE.

W. C. Reid moved that the report be adopted. Brother Stroup yielded the time granted him to speak to the report to Secretary Huggins.

(3) Foreign Missions by L. A. McClure.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board is grateful to God for His manifold blessings, and to Southern Baptists for their loyalty and love, prayers and gifts.

For the calendar year 1936, the Board received from the several states of the Convention, the sum of $959,794.74. In addition to this amount, we received from income on endowment funds, bequests, and other sources, the sum of $46,003.60. From the sale of property and special gifts for debts, we received $34,776.23, making a grand total of $1,040,-574.57. Thus, for the first time in several years, the total income passed the million mark.

By careful planning upon the part of the Board at the October meeting, and because of the princely offering that came through the Woman's work, the Board has been able to come through the lean months without a deficit.

In 1927, the Board had a total of 544 missionaries on their rolls. In 1934 there were 377. Since that time there has been 90 new appointments and 28 reapointments, making 495 at the present time, 49 less than we had in 1927. It seems to the writer of this report that this is a very small number to contact the millions of people that are in the 16 Foreign Countries that we have work in, yet with the present outlook, from the standpoint of the giving of our people, the Board cannot afford to appoint any more. How urgent is the command yet (Go ye into all the world).

Our Association gave this year to Foreign Missions, $1617.72. This seems very small when we think of the great need of the millions of lost humanity. Let us thank God for what we have been able to do, and pledge ourselves to a greater effort in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. McCLURE.

Upon motion to adopt, Brother McClure spoke to his report.

The Association sang the hymn, "To the Work, to the Work". Mod-

erator Hatfield recognized Dr. J. Clyde Turner.

J. R. Cantrell introduced M. A. Huggins, General Secretary Baptist State Convention, who gave an informational and inspiring address on "Stewardship". He stressed the fact that great missionary work would be accompanied if the people would become missionaries to an idea.

All missionary reports were adopted.

After the Association sang "We're Marching to Zion", Mrs. C. L. Clinton, accompanied by Mrs. R. M. Perry, sang a solo.

The Moderator recognized C. G. Teague, Pastor First Baptist Church of Granite Falls, and R. D. Covington, Treasurer of Baptist Orphanage.

R. K. Redwine introduced Dr. J. Clyde Turner, Pastor First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C., who preached a sermon on the theme "The Whole World For Christ", based on I John 5:19.

Professor J. R. Robbins led the song, "My Jesus I Love Thee", and the Association was dismissed for lunch by Pastor Bradshaw.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reconvened at 1:10 P. M. After a brief song service, F. G. Womack, Pastor of Penelope, conducted the Worship Service. He used Mark 12:41 as a basis for introducing the theme, "The Gift of Money", for the afternoon program. W. C. Reed offered prayer.

Pastor Stroup introduced to the Association Brother Reid Wall, Pastor of the Methodist Church in Catawba.

The Association sang "Majestic Sweetness is Enthroned".

Time was given for further report of messengers, but none responded.

W. R. Bradshaw presented the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

In considering the problems involved in the liquor traffic, we should be able to assume that those who profess to be Christians are opposed to the manufacture, sale, and use of alcoholic beverages. The liquor traffic is universally admitted to be Public Enemy No. 1, and those professing to be followers of the Lowly Nazarene should be unwilling to give aid or support to the traffic by either buying or using liquor, or by voting to legalize the business, thereby giving any sort of respectability to a business that does as much damage as the liquor traffic does.

We must be frank enough with ourselves to admit that all members of our Churches do not abstain from alcoholic beverages, and that our Churches are not discharging fully their responsibilities in the fight against the liquor evil. Therefore, it is fitting that we formally and

publicly appeal to all those who profess to love God and their fellow men, that they renew their covenants in respect to strong drink; and to that end we urge:

1. That all persons abstain absolutely from the use of beer, whiskey, and all other alcoholic beverages.

2. That all persons use their ballots and their influence against the liquor traffic. To legalize the sale of liquor tends to take some of the shame and moral stigma from drinking and drunkenness, tends to lend respectability to a business that should be destroyed, and tends to break down personal convictions and public sentiment against the liquor traffic.

3. That all persons use their ballots and influence to outlaw the liquor traffic, and to promote the enforcement of laws against liquor. It would be preferable for men to refrain from murder, robbery, theft, gambling, dope selling, liquor selling, and all other evils because of the acceptance and the dominion of the ideals and teachings of Christ; however, as long as we have among us people who are evil enough to kill, and selfish enough to desire profits even through robbery, theft, dope selling, liquor selling, and other evil practices, we need laws against all of these crimes and evils, in order to protect as best we can the unfortunate victims, and in order to restrain as best we can the selfishness of men.

4. That our Churches accept their responsibility in the fight against liquor. We cannot expect sinners to save the world. Men who are selfish enough to desire to make profits out of the poverty, misery, and destruction of their fellow men, cannot be relied upon to save mankind from the ravages of strong drink. Our Ministers must realize that they are ordained and called to lead our people away from sin and to a higher life. The leaders and all other members of our Churches must realize their personal responsibilities in respect to this great evil, and as Christians be willing to abstain from the use of liquor, be willing to use their ballots and their influence against the liquor traffic, and be willing to dedicate their time and their means to the establishment of what is right.

Liquor causes more poverty, more human misery, more moral debauchery, and more destruction of health and life than any other one thing on the face of the earth. Those who love God and their fellow men have a duty that they cannot escape in our fight against this great enemy. He who supports the traffic by drinking liquor, or by voting to enthrone the business legally in our State or in our Counties, is giving aid and support to man's greatest enemy. We appeal to all Christians and all other citizens to abstain from strong drink and to dedicate their means, their ballots and their influence to combat this evil and to stand up for Christ at this critical hour.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. BRADSHAW.

Brother Bradshaw spoke to his report briefly and introduced Cale K. Burgess, Vice-President and General Director United Dry Forces of N. C. In his address, Mr. Burgess proved that liquor is the greatest enemy of all our needs in life.

S. A. Stroup spoke to the Report on Temperance and Public Morals. It was adopted.

E. F. Sullivan moved that an offering be taken for the United Dry Forces. It was approved unanimously. The offering amounted to $37.57.

E. F. Sullivan gave the following report:

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Baptisms this year are 321, a loss of 11 over last year. The total church membership is 7,343, a net increase of 188.

The Sunday School enrollment is 7,189, which is a net loss of 388.

B. Y. P. U. enrollment has decreased 137. The present enrollment is 1,213.

Enrollment in W. M. U. Organizations shows an increase of 104. The present enrollment is 1.073.

There was an increase in gifts to local work of $53.67. The amount is $61,125.02.

Total gifts to missions and benevolences this year amounted to $14,-889.95, which is an increase over last year of a little over 25%.

Respectfully submitted,
R. K. REDWINE.
E. F. SULLIVAN.

Brother Huggins spoke briefly to the report, and following his suggestion, G. S. Whisnant told the Association that as a result of the study of "Stewardship" by Huggins, that the number (at Lawing's Chapel) who gave to Co-operative Program was raised from 28 to 83 during the past year.

After a motion by J. T. Callaway, the Report on Digest of Church Letters was adopted.

R. K. Redwine presented the following:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

History

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina had its beginning 52 years ago. J. H. Mills was the founder and was for ten years its General Superintendent. He was followed by J. B. Boone, who served for ten years. Next came M. L. Kesller, who served as superintendent for 27 years. I. G. Greer took charge of the institution in 1932 and is carrying on the work in a great and worthy way. Mr. J. C. Hough is the capable Superintendent of Kennedy Home, the Eastern branch of the Orphanage.

On November 11, 1885, the first child was received into the institution at Thomasville. During these years, the orphanage has rendered service to more than 4,000 needy children, and at the same time has accumulated assets worth more than $1,000,000. These facts are sufficient evidence that it has not only rendered a great service, but that the business management has been wise and efficient.

The Homes

In round numbers, 600 children are in the two homes at Thomasville and Kinston. These children have come from 86 counties of North Carolina. They live in what might be called model villages. A home-like asmosphere is provided in cottages, presided over by trained matrons.

The children live close to nature, for they really live on farms, coming in contact with farm life, and they enjoy the products of the farm, fresh from dairy farm and garden. Incidentally, the boys help with the farm work, and the farms are so well managed by competent managers, that they made a net profit of $11,651.86 last year.

The best of school advantages are provided for the boys and girls. The

equipment is modern, and the most up-to-date educational methods are employed.

The church is at the center of the campus and at the center of the life of the children. The Mill's Home Church, supported by the mites of orphan boys and girls and the sacrificial gifts of the orphanage staff, belongs to a distinguished group of North Carolina Baptist Churches, about a dozen in number, that give more for others than for their own local church work.

Charity and Children

The orphanage paper is edited by Mr. John Arch McMillan. It is well edited and one of the cleanest sheets, filled with the most wholesome reading matter. The printing of the paper is done by the boys. The price is the same. It is like Arm & Hammer Brand Soda, except the Arm & Hammer package has been reduced, but Charity and Children has grown bigger and better, and still costs only 60c per year in clubs of ten.

Expenses Per Day

To take care of our big orphanage family required $454.14 per day—one barrel of flour per day, 4 bushels of meal, a whole beef to go around, 6 bushels of sweet potatoes, and 4 bushels of Irish potatoes, etc.

Support

The chief support comes from North Carolina Baptist Sunday Schools. The Thanksgiving offering is also a big help. Less than 300 of our 2,140 Sunday Schools send an offering each month.

We urge the taking of an offering in every Sunday School once each month, the taking of a Thanksgiving offering in each church, and the taking and reading of a club of Charity and Children in each Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD K. REDWINE.

After making a motion to accept the report, Brother Redwine spoke briefly to the report, but yielded most of the time to R. D. Covington, Treasurer of Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, whom he introduced to the Association.

After the Association sang "There is A Fountain Filled With Blood", Brother Covington addressed the body on the great work that the orphanage was doing for 600 children. He commemorated the noble work of Brothers Mills, Boone, Kesler, Grier, Greene, Spillman, and others. He told of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy's great gifts to the institution.

The Orphanage Report was adopted.

The Report on Ministerial Relief and Annuities was adopted.

C. G. Ellis conducted a brief Memorial Service, in which the memory of our departed loved ones was honored.

LIST OF DECEASED

FROM

BETHEL—Mrs. Oliner Martin.

BOGER CITY—R. A. Whisnant, Mrs. Lizzie Coleman.

BROWN MEMORIAL—O. C. Herman.

CATAWBA—Mrs. M. E. Abernethy, Mrs. R. L. Stewart.

CENTER VIEW—J. S. Goodson (Deacon).

CORINTH—J. S. Kiser, Mrs. Lillie Smith.

FAITH—J. M. Ballard.

HICKORY FIRST—Mrs. Rebecca Cox, Wm. R. Killian, T. C. Jones, W. S. Wheeler, Miss Capitola Beck, Mrs. H. Wilson.

WEST HICKORY—Mrs. M. A. Burch.

HIGHLAND—Mrs. Katherine Snipes, Mrs. William Beam, P. L. Wardell, C. P. Suggs, Mrs. S. M. Brown.

LAWNINGS CHAPEL—H. R. Wilkerson (Deacon), Mrs. Gertie Drum.

EAST MAIDEN—Miss Flossie Hilderbran.

MAIDEN FIRST—J. C. Crow, Mrs. Zelma Bolick, Emmit Taylor, Kenneth Goodin, L. D. Caldwell, Mrs. Margurite Williams.

MT. RUHAMA—J. P. Abernethy, P. D. Caldwell, John P. Crouse.

MT. ZION—Adolphus Abernethy.

NEWTON FIRST—Mrs. L. B. Neal, Charles Neal, Mrs. George Price.

NORTH NEWTON—Howard Jones, Coyt Kale.

OLIVET—W. G. Alexander, W. D. Parker.

PINEY GROVE—Mrs. Mary Watts, Mrs. Martha Grier, Mrs. Minnie Lee, Mrs. H. L. Drum.

PROVIDENCE—W. M. Hudson, W. F. Huffman (Deacon).

SALEM—W. H. Lewis, Mrs. A. M. Harrill, A. M. Harrill.

SOUTHSIDE—Arthur Anthony.

Moderator Hatfield presented the following names as nominees for Standing Committees to serve during the coming year:

Religious Literature	E. F. Hardin
Memorial	L. R. Williams
Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina	T. P. Pruitt
Ministerial Relief and Annuity	T. H. Caldwell
Christian Education	J. E. Carter
Temperance and Public Morals	S. A. Stroup
W. M. U.	Mrs. W. G. Bandy
Bible Schools	R. K. Redwine
State Missions	E. F. Sullivan
Home Missions	C. G. Ellis
Foreign Missions	W. C. Reed
Baptist Hospital	Mrs. J. W. Bowles
B. T. U.	Miss Eulalia McClure

Committee to nominate three members of the Executive Committee: Hoyle Love, L. A. McClure, and R. H. Brown.

Program Committee: F. G. Womack, W. C. Reed, and H. B. Jones.

R. K. Redwine moved that the nominees be elected to serve on the committees as named. The motion was seconded and the election carried.

Moderator Hatfield asked W. C. Reed to act as chairman during the election, which resulted as follows:

Moderator	L. L. Hatfield
Vice-Moderator	J. R. Cantrell
Clerk	M. S. Brittain
Treasurer	J. Y. Killian
Superintendent S. S. Convention	G. C. Hewitt
Chairman of Promotion Committee	E. F. Sullivan
Associate Chairman of Promotion Committee	R. K. Redwine
Superintendent B. T. U.	Miss Eulalia McClure
Superintendent W. M. U.	Mrs. J. O. Shuford

Representatives:

Hospital	Mrs. J. W. Bowles
Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina	T. P. Pruitt
Biblical Recorder	G. S. Whisnant

E. F. Sullivan nominated G. S. Whisnant to fill out the term of B. M. Smith on the Executive Committee. Mr. Whisnant was elected.

The following resolutions were presented by Hoyle Love:

It has been a great privilege to sit together in heavenly plans in Christ Jesus during these days of our Associational meeting. Our souls have been richly fed with spiritual food, and our bodies with that which is necessary to sustain them. Therefore, be it RESOLVED:

1. That we thank our fine Moderator for his untiring efforts to make this a great session,

2. That we thank all who have had parts on the program.

3. That we extend our most hearty thanks to the good women who so bountifully supplied the well cooked food, which so completely satisfied the necessities of our temporal bodies.

The resolutions were adopted.

S. A. Stroup expressed appreciation to the Methodists for assistance in entertainment of the Association.

After E. F. Hardin's suggestion, the Association expressed its appreciation to Cale K. Burgess for the great work that he is doing in connection with the United Dry Forces.

M. A. Huggins expressed his appreciation to the Association for the work it was doing, and asked the people to please get his literature (books and cards).

While the Association sang "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again", Moderator Hatfield shook hands with all the pastors, who had formed a semi-circle across the front of the church.

All business having been completed, the Moderator declared the annual meeting of the Fifty-ninth Session adjourned, to meet with Boger City Church on Thursday after the first Sunday in October, 1938.

L. L. HATFIELD, *Moderator.*
M. S. BRITTAIN, *Clerk.*

Minutes of the Spring Session of the South Fork Association

The Spring session of the South Fork Association met with the Baptist Church of Maiden, on Monday, March 29, 1937.

Moderator L. L. Hatfield, presiding; Mr. J. W. Williams of Maiden in charge of singing.

Theme for the session—"Growth and Development of Christian Life".

MORNING SESSION

Devotional—100th Psalm ..... Miss Lila Ruth Sullivan
Prayer ..... Rev. L. R. Williams

Roll Call of Churches—28 Churches present, with 137 Messengers; Visitors, 4; Pastors present, 19.

Moderator called on Rev. S. A. Stroup to present new Pastors in Association. He introduced Rev. Hoyle Love and his wife, now with North Newton.

Rev. E. F. Hardin spoke on the subject, "The Luke-warm Christian", using Rev. 3 for his base.

Choir at this time sang "Bringing in the Sheaves".

Rev. C. H. Henderson spoke on the subject, "The Self-satisfied Christian".

After this address, the choir sang "Satisfied With Jesus".

Just at this time, special prayer was offered for Brother J. R. Cantrell, who is sick. Rev. W. R. Bradshaw led the prayer.

Moderator asked Rev. C. G. Ellis to take offering for expenses; $10.77 was received.

Moderator called Rev. E. F. Sullivan to the front. He introduced Rev. R. F. Terrell of Raleigh, who spoke to the subject, "The Christian and his Covenant". Then special song by Miss Louise Pruett of Hickory.

Visitors were recognized as follows: Rev. & Mrs. Clyde Yates of Bessemer City; Rev. J. C. Canipe, Boone.

Rev. H. B. Jones led the closing prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After lunch, which was served at the back of the building, the Association reassembled in Church at 1:30 for the evening session.

Services began with the following songs: "Help Somebody Today" and "Love Lifted Me".

Prayer was led by Rev. A. A. Lockee.

Rev. S. A. Stroup had charge of the devotional, reading some verses from the 28th chapter of Matthew, using the 16th verse for the basis if his message.

Roll call of the 10 Churches that did not answer at the morning session—4 answered, with 6 messengers.

Collection was taken at this time to send Brother W. R. Bradshaw to the Southern Baptist Convention; $13.34 was received. Brother Bradshaw offered his thanks for same.

Rev. E. F. Hardin offered resolutions of thanks to the Maiden church for their kindness during this session of our meeting.

A special song was rendered by Mrs. L. R. Frans of Hickory.

Dr. R. K. Redwine introduced the guest speaker of the day, Dr. Louis S. Gaines, Lexington, N. C. He spoke on the subject, "The Radiating Center of a Victorious Life". He used Proverbs 4:23 for

his text.

After the sermon, James Coates sang a special song.

This was a great meeting; all seemed to enjoy, and truly everyone received something by their coming.

L. A. McCLURE, *Clerk.*

Church Directories

EXHIBIT A — B. T. U. PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	GENERAL DIRECTOR	ADULT PRESIDENT	SENIOR PRESIDENT	INTERMEDIATE LEADER	JUNIOR LEADER
Antioch			Carl Rudisill r3 Lincolnton		Albert Smith r3 Lincolnton
Bethel	Odell Wright Lincolnton		Mrs. Columbus Turner Lin'ton		
Boger City	W. H. Boyles Boger City	Mrs. M. F. Dellinger Boger C.	Mrs. L. A. Holland Boger Cy.	Mrs. T. A. Hallman Boger Cy.	Maggie Icard Boger City
			James Holsclaw Brookford		Louise Isenhour Brookford
Brookford	Mae Bolick Brookford	Mrs. Ada Miller Brookford	Eula Spencer Brookford	Miss Lillian Pope Brookford	Hugh Pope Brookford
Brown Memorial	E. H. Weitherspoon r2 Hickory	C. O. Ellis r2 Hickory	Miss Clarke Cline r3 Hickory	Z. W. Brown box655 Hickory	Mrs. Mamie Greenhill Hic'y
Cedar Grove			Mrs. J. Howington r1 Maiden		M. W. Hoyle r1 Maiden
Gainesville	C. C. Houser Crouse		O. R. Tutherow Crouse		Mrs. Kenneth Anthony Crouse
Hickory First	Cecil Broome Hickory	Mrs. Mary Lowrance Hickory	Elizabeth Campbell Hickory	Miss Joy Walker Hickory	Rebecca Lowrance Hickory
West Hickory	Jeffie Marlow W. Hickory		Katherine Abee W. Hickory	Margie Abee W. Hickory	Margaret Marr W. Hickory
					Bessie Bostic Hickory
Highland	Mary Summey r3 Hickory	D. C. Owens r3 Hickory	Miss Pansy Phillips Hickory	Mrs. J. R. Long Hickory	Nell Benfield Hickory
Lawing's Chapel			Mrs. J. J. Henry r3 Lin'ton		Mrs. C. D. Abernathy Lin'ton
Lincoln Avenue			Mrs. Zula Lockee Lincolnton	Velma Hallman Lincolnton	J. A. Saine r1 Lincolnton
Lincolnton First	Clarence Duncan Lincolnton	Mrs. W. G. Bandy Lincolnton	J. A. Burris Lincolnton	Mrs. E. F. Hardin Lin'ton	Mrs. C. L. Knight Lincolnton
East Maiden	Ophelia Cook r3 Lincolnton	Mrs. L. R. Williams Maiden	Mrs. J. D. Turner Maiden	Coy Auaon Maiden	Eva Marlowe Lincolnton
Maiden First	Z. T. Wise Maiden	J. W. Williams Maiden			Marvin Cooke Maiden
Mt. Zion	Frank Sadler Alexis		William Stroup Alexis	Eulalia McClure Alexis	
Mtn. Grove	Dorothy Link Hickory		Lucille Whitener Hickory	Coline Whitener Hickory	
Olivet	Fred Lytton Long Island		Mrs. Glenn Saunders Long I.	Mrs. Banes Williams Long I.	Madgeline Lytton Long Island
Penelope	G. S. Robinson Hickory	Mrs. W. A. Cooke Hickory	Rex Lockhart Hickory	Miss Mae Wright Hickory	M. A. Buchanan Hickory
Salem				Katherine Lineberger Lin'ton	

EXHIBIT B — W. M. S. AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	W. M. S. PRESIDENT	Y. W. A. COUNSELOR	G. A. LEADER	R. A. LEADER	SUNBEAM LEADER
Boger City	Mrs. J. P. Williams r3 Lin'ton	Mrs. R. B. Parker Boger City	Mrs. Beatrice Havis Boger City		Miss Leila Smith Boger City
Brown Memorial	Mrs. Mamie Greenhill Hic'y	Mrs. O. A. Teague Hickory	Miss Effie Herman r2 Hickory		Mrs. E. A. Teague Hickory
Catawba	Miss Edna Danner Catawba				
Corinth	Mrs. C. H. Henderson r1 Hic'y				
			Mrs. Noel Hosley Hickory		
Hickory First	Mrs. E. W. Walton Hickory	Mrs. R. K. Redwine Hickory	Mrs. T. J. Hudson Hickory	Mrs. T. P. Pruitt Hickory	Mrs. E. N. Carr Hickory
West Hickory	Mrs. C. P. Abernathy Hic'y		Miss Selma Hicks W. Hickory	Mrs. W. W. Marr Hickory	Madeline Goodson Hickory
Highland	Mrs. W. B. Duncan r3 Hic'y	Mrs. E. F. Sullivan H ickory	Mrs. Howard Fox r2 Hickory		Mrs. V. H. White Hickory
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernathy Lin'ton				
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. S. W. Bennett Lin'ton				
			Mrs. Floyd Cobb Lincolnton		
Lincolnton First	Mrs. J. O. Shuford Lin'ton	Mrs. T. V. Lineberger Lin'ton	Mrs. Ivey Starnes Lincolnton	Mrs. R. G. Carter Lincolnton	Mrs. Earnest Portter Lin'ton
East Miaden	Mrs. L. R. Williams Maiden				
Maiden First	Mrs. Charles Ellis Maiden	Mrs. Charles Ellis Maiden			
Mt. Ruhama	Mrs. W. C. Reid r1 Newton				
Mtn. Grove	Mrs. C. S. Echard Hickory		Mrs. Harry Frye Hickory		
Newton First	Mrs. J. W. Hollingsw'th N'ton	Mrs. J. R. Cantrell Newton			Mrs. John Lancaster Newton
North Newton	Mrs. J. E. Link Newton				Miss Annie Wilkinson Newton
Penelope	Mrs. Robert Cody Hickory	Mrs. Fred Womack Hickory	Mrs. C. B. Starr Hickory	Mrs. V. C. Martin Hickory	Mrs. C. W. Smith Hickory
River View	Mrs. Emily Allran Lincolnton		Mrs. S. A. Rhodes Lincolnton		

EXHIBIT C **HISTORICAL TABLE**

DATE OF MEETING	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHED SERMON
October 24, 25, 26, 1912	Maiden First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	I. T. Newton
October 23, 24, 25, 1913	Mount Holly	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. J. Beach
October 22, 23, 24, 1914	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. C. Barrett
October 27, 28, 29, 1915	West Hickory	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. S. Connell
October 25, 26, 1916	East Gastonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. D. Harte
October 31, Nov. 1, 1917	Newton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	
November 21, 22, 1918	Belmont First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. L. Vipperman
October 29, 30, 1919	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. R. Bradshaw
October 27, 28, 1920	Mountain Grove	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. W. Rimmer
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1921	Lawing's Chapel	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	
September 28, 29, 1922	River View	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. C. Whitener
September 27, 28, 1923	Catawba	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. R. Freeman
October 2, 3, 1924	Penelope	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. M. Robinson
October 1, 2, 1925	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	T. C. Singleton
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1926	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. D. Barton
September 29, 30, 1927	Corinth	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. A. Ivey
September 27, 28, 1928	Mt. Ruhama	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	R. G. Short
September 26, 27, 1929	Mount Zion	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	E. F. Hardin
October 2, 3, 1930	Warlick's	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	C. F. Pittman
October 1, 2, 1931	Maiden First	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	J. R. Cantrell
September 29, 30, 1932	Mountain Grove	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	M. I. Harris
September 28, 29, 1933	Olivet	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	R. K. Redwine
September 27, 28, 1934	Macedonia	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	W. W. Marr
October 10, 11, 1935	Providence	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	T. H. Roach
October 8, 9, 1936	River View	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	W. R. Bradshaw
October 7, 8, 1937	Catawba	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	E. F. Sullivan

TABLE I CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City, Co.?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	DAYS OF MEETING	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Mem.	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings During Year	Observance of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Bap. Papers
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Amity	Co	1905	L. A. McClure r1 Alexis	1st & 3rd	59	2	3							64	No	1	2	
Antioch	Co	1922	H. W. Baucom Gastonia	2nd-N, 4th-N&M	45	4	1	1		2				49	Yes	1	1	
Bethel	Co	1896	J. B. Payne Morganton	2nd	59					1			1	57	No	1	1	
Boger City	Vil	1922	H. B. Jones Boger City	Every Sunday	271	11	11			9		2	2	280	Yes	2	4	2
Brookford	Vil	1910	W. C. Laney Brookford	Every Sunday	120	5	1		15	4	11			126	Yes	3	3	33
Brown Memorial	Vil	1935	W. R. Bradshaw Hickory	Every Sunday	127	6	10	1		3			1	140	Yes	1	3	17
Catawba	Vil	1874	S. A. Stroup Catawba	Twice every 1st&3rd	210	8	4						2	220	No	1	1	
Cedar Grove	Co	1910	M. G. Chatman Lincolnton	1st & 3rd	27	1			1					29	Yes	1	3	
Center View	Co	1915	L. A. McClure r1 Alexis	1st & 3rd	171	7						1	1	176	Yes	1	2	1
Corinth	Co	1840	C. H. Henderson r1 Hickory	2nd & 4th	162	1				1			1	161	No	1	4	11
Denver	Vil	1914	L. A. McClure r1 Alexis		11									11	No	1		
Faith	Co	1905	T. H. Roach r1 Lincolnton	2nd-P. M. & N	62	2				3			1	60	No	1	2	1
Gainesville	Co		Albert Campbell Lincolnton	1st & 3rd	90	17	1			2			1	105	No	1	2	
Hickory First	Tn	1870	R. K. Redwine Hickory	Every Sunday	797	9	40			34		25	6	781	Yes	1	4	61
West Hickory	Tn	1907	W. W. Marr Hickory	Every Sunday	230	10	8	1		6			1	242	Yes	1	4	
Highland	Tn	1912	E. F. Sullivan r2 Hickory	Every Sunday	532	46	33	6		24	29	4	5	555	Yes	2	3	51
Kid's Chapel	Co	1871	P. K. Drum Maiden	4th	48					4		8		36	No	1		
Lawing's Chapel	Co	1908	L. A. McClure r1 Alexis	2nd	199	6	3		1	3	25		2	179	Yes	1	2	2
Leonard's Fork	Co	1882	K. D. Stukenbrok Lincolnton	4th	50					3				47				2
Lincoln Avenue	Tn	1910	A. A. Lockee Lincolnton	2nd & 4th	202		1			10		86	2	105	Yes	1	1	
Lincolnton First	Tn		E. F. Hardin Lincolnton	Every Sunday	253	16	25			11		1		282	Yes	1	4	30
Long Shoals	Vil	1917	R. G. Blackburn Lincolnton	2nd & 4th	17	1	4			4				18	No	1	1	
Macedonia	Co		L. A. McClure r1 Alexis		235	3				3				235	No	1	2	
East Maiden	Vil	1927	L. R. Williams Maiden	1st & 3rd	174	6	12			6			1	185	Yes	1	3	5
Maiden First	Vil	1929	C. G. Ellis Maiden	Every Sunday	495	14	10			15			6	498	Yes	1	2	30
Mt. Ruhama	Co	1816	L. A. McClure r1 Alexis	1st & 3rd	321	12	10			17	1		3	322	No		2	
Mt. Zion	Co	1869	R. G. Mace Belmont	1st & 3rd	147	7				7			1	146	No	1	2	1
Mtn. Grove	Co	1881	C. H. Henderson r1 Hickory	1st & 3rd	124	2	3						2	127	No	1	4	1
Mtn. View	Co		L. A. McClure r1 Alexis	4th & N	149	1				2				148	No	1	2	
Newton First	Tn	1882	J. R. Cantrell Newton	Every Sunday	356	2	14	2		4		7	3	360	Yes		3	7
North Newton	Tn	1921	Hoyle Love Lexington	1st & 3rd & N	100	14	8			7			2	113	Yes	1	4	10
Olivet	Co	1833	S. A. Stroupe r1 Troutman	2nd & 4th	257	26	2	2		9		46	2	230	No	1	1	
Penelope	Tn	1888	F. G. Womack Hickory	Twice every Sun.	405	39	11	1		6				450	Yes	2	4	27
Piney Grove	Co	1905	R. G. Short Hickory	3rd	53	4	2			3			4	52	No	1	1	
Providence	Co	1878	C. H. Henderson r1 Hickory	2nd & 4th	112	6				1		3	2	112	No	1	4	
Reepsville	Co	1935	E. W. Friday Hardin	1st & 3rd	108			1		8		45		56	No			
River View	Vil	1897			163					6				157	Yes		3	
Salem	Co	1849	E. W. Friday r1 Dallas	2nd & 4th	104	8				2			3	107	No	1	1	
Sharon	Co	1884	S. M. Stroupe Alexis	1st & 3rd	66					1			1	64	No	1	2	1
Southside	Co	1925	L. R. Williams Maiden	2nd & 4th	155	8	2			8		12	1	144	No	1	3	
Warlicks	Co		J. R. Keller Hickory	1st & 3rd	98	8	10			1			2	113	No	1	1	2
TOTALS					7364	312	229	15	17	230	66	240	59	7342		41	91	295

TABLE II SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION									CONTRIBUTIONS		
		Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years & Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Dept.	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrl. incl. Ofcs. & Pupils	What is Your Ave. Attend.	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers with Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Have You A Mission School?	Enrollment of Mission School	Did You Hold a V. B. S.?	Enrollment of V. B. S.	Ave. Attendance of V. B. S.	Contrib. (Local Work) by S. S.	Gifts (Missions) by S. S.	Grand Total Given by S. S.
Amity	R. M. Goodson r3 Lincolnton		12	10		14	30			9	75	44	Yes	No		2						$ 57.91	$ 24.00	$ 81.91
Antioch	R. L. Pendleton r3 Lincolnton		21	17	20		7			7	72	35	Yes	No		5						2.75		2.75
Bethel	Odell Wright Lincolnton		6		13		18			6	43	25	No	No								18.00	5.00	23.00
Boger City	J. C. Burke Boger City	30	36	51	42	54	61	55		17	346	172	Yes	No		11						517.81	178.35	696.16
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	17	56	71	45	67	35	33		35	359	135	Yes	No		2						394.51	494.75	889.26
Brown Memorial	Z. W. Brown box655 Hickory	16	27	34	22	25	40	12		26	202	104	Yes	No	2	6						132.64	176.83	309.47
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	9	18	17	21	38	24	8	16	15	166	115										64.38	19.52	83.90
Cedar Grove	M. W. Hoyle r1 Maiden		22	18	11	28				8	87	29	No	No								22.84	2.33	25.17
Center View	J. P. Turbyfill Maiden														6									
Corinth	C. C. Propts r1 Hickory	4	5	16	15	19	27	18		13	117	48	Yes	No		1						67.30	36.75	104.05
Denver																								
Faith	Robt. Helton r1 Stanley			8		8	17			5	38	14	No	No		1						7.00	16.03	23.03
Gainesville	C. C. Houser Crouse	8	6	8	5	7	6			8	48	25	No	No		15							3.00	3.00
Hickory First	T. P. Pruitt Hickory	40	74	104	119	113	225	96	50	77	898	406	Yes	No	17	7	No		Yes	154	145	724.56	661.78	1386.34
West Hickory	W. S. Abernethy Hickory	29	47	83	55	43	89	12		35	393	195	Yes	No	5	19	No		No			200.00	50.00	250.00
Highland	B. E. Correll r3 Hickory	44	71	113	77	100	162	29	51	60	707	316	Yes	No	10	32	No		No			Unified Budget		
Kid's Chapel	Mrs. Abner Keener Iron Sta.	5		12	15		18			5	55	35												
Lawing's Chapel	Clyde Short r3 Lincolnton	18	20	13	24	15	44			13	147	72	No	No		3						46.26	19.06	65.32
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse	5	7		8		15				35	20	Yes	No	2								23.00	23.00
Lincoln Avenue	Alvin Saine r1 Lincolnton	15	12	24	26	60	59			14	210	143	Yes	No								57.79	57.79	115.58
Lincolnton First	E. B. Goodin Lincolnton	13	34	32	37	23	53	16		31	239	141	Yes	No		15						275.37	159.01	434.38
Long Shoals	C. C. Caskey r4 Lincolnton	3	10	11	10	10	7	3		6	60	25	No	No								20.00	2.15	22.15
Macedonia	M. L. Cash r3 Lincolnton	5	10	8	12	7	13			10	65	45				3						16.43	15.15	31.58
East Maiden	E. H. Williams Maiden	15	23	30	30	37	35	15		30	215	172	Yes	No		6			No			219.95	126.38	346.33
Maiden First	W. C. Laney Maiden	20	40	60	66	63	92			27	368	189	Yes	No		12	No		No				Budget	
Mt. Ruhama	G. W. Caldwell r2 Newton	25	23	31	29	46	122	18		14	308	204												
Mt. Zion	Paul Hogen Alexis	8		14	18	18	23			8	89	50	No	No	5	4								
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Echard Hickory	10	12	22	26	18	31			11	130	67	Yes	No		1								
Mtn. View	L. P. Gilleland Maiden															1			Yes	95	77		10.00	10.00
Newton First	V. A. H. Randall r2 Newton	26	45	55	54	49	96	20	8	18	371	226	Yes	No		1			No			359.08	123.29	482.37
North Newton	C. F. Witherspoon Newton	12	18	19	27	20	45	10		17	168	120	Yes	No	1	12			No			120.61	101.49	222.10
Olivet	J. C. Saunders r2 Catawba	9	16	34	45	63	25			6	198	112												
Penelope	J. B. Phillips Hickory	21	51	89	73	44	87	24		45	434	201	Yes	No	16	39						140.36	26.40	166.76
Piney Grove	P. E. Caldwell Catawba	6	8	12	10	11	7			6	60	41										7.45	23.95	31.40
Providence	M. S. Brittain r1 Hickory	6	9	17	13	20	24			15	104	70	Yes			3								
Reepsville	Kinley Scronce r1 Lincolnton	5	7	10	11	16	26			12	87	75	Yes	No	7		Yes		No					
River View	Arthur Blackburn Lincolnton																					52.21	228.31	280.52
Salem	S. A. Hovis Gastonia	11	10	11	22	15	13			8	90	58										24.53	29.05	53.58
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	2		5	7	10	13			4	41	20	Yes	No					No					
Southside	Veron Smith Southside	16	21	18	7	56	28			11	157	125	Yes	No		8						445.20	138.59	583.79
Warlicks	Grady Reeves r3 Hickory	18	16	12	26	20	26	10		10	138	80										741 01	20 20	761 21
TOTALS		417	793	1089	1041	1137	1643	379	125	642	7320	3954			71	209				249	222	$4735.95	$2772.16	$7508.11

TABLE III CHURCH PROPERTY OF THE SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own House of Worship?	When Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	No. Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House & Gnds.	Value of Mission Chapel if any	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value of all Church Prop.	Indebt. on all Church Property	Insurance Carried
Amity	E. L. Ballard r3 Lincolnton	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1	*	*	$ 800.00	$	$	$ 800.00	$ *	$ *
Antioch	R. L. Pendleton r3 Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	300	1	*	5	1,500.00			1,500.00	*	*
Bethel	E. L. Mullen Lincolnton	Yes	1896	Br'k-Ven.	300	1	*	*	1,100.00			1,100.00	*	500.00
Boger City	J. P. Williams r3 Lincolnton	Yes	1936	Brick	400	22	3	17	10,935.50		2,000.00	12,935.50	3,564.50	3,500.00
Brookford	G. G. Flowers Brookford	Yes	1910	Brick	300	21	3	24	15,000.00			15,000.00		
Brown Memorial	C. O. Ellis r2 Hickory	Yes	1935	Brick	350	18	5	15	12,000.00			12,000.00	2,500.00	6,000.00
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	Yes	1875	Brick	300	17	3	14	7,000.00			7,000.00		
Cedar Grove	Henry Scronce Maiden	Yes	1902	Wood	200	1	*	*	300.00			300.00	*	*
Center View	J. F. Hovis r1 Maiden	Yes	1935	Wood	500	10	7	7	3,000.00			3,000.00		
Corinth	Elma Stallings r3 Vale	Yes	1885	Wood	300	1			2,000.00			2,000.00		1,000.00
Denver	W. F. Keener Davidson	Yes	1914	Wood	300	1			1,500.00			1,500.00	*	*
Faith	P. L. Sigmon Alexis	Yes	1905	Wood	250	1			900.00			900.00		
Gainesville	C. C. Houser Crouse	Yes	1923	Frame	200	1	4							
Hickory First	J. D. Greene Hickory	Yes	1900	Brick	800	56	6	47	90,000.00		4,000.00	94,000.00	8,521.00	45,000.00
West Hickory	W. G. Abernethy W. Hickory	Yes		Brick	350	21	3	18	10,000.00	*	1,500.00	11,500.00	1,200.00	4,500.00
Highland	V. H. White r2 Hickory	Yes	1912	Brick	400	37	6	33	25,000.00		5,000.00	30,000.00	47.50	8,000.00
Kid's Chapel	W. A. Poole Iron Station	Yes	1871	Wood	300	1			1,500.00			1,500.00		
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry r3 Lin'ton	Yes	1908	Wood	600	1			2,000.00			2,000.00		500.00
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	Yes	1882	Wood	300	1	4		1,000.00			1,000.00		750.00
Lincoln Avenue	Ellis Houser Lincolnton	Yes	1927	Brick	500	9	9	9	10,000.00		*	10,000.00	495.00	5,000.00
Lincolnton First	J. L. Procter Lincolnton	Yes	1921	Brick	450	24	4	20	75,000.00		5,000.00	80,000.00	9,100.00	25,000.00
Long Shoals	Mrs. S. J. Johnson r4 Lin'ton	Yes	1917	Wood	200	1								
Macedonia	W. A. Potts r3 Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Brick	500				10,000.00			10,000.00		
East Maiden	E. H. Williams Maiden	Yes	1927	Brick	350	5	*	11	5,000.00			5,000.00	600.00	1,500.00
Maiden First	Margaretta Beal Maiden	Yes	1929	Brick	500	21	3	17	20,000.00	*	3,000.00	23,000.00	2,100.00	7,500.00
Mt. Ruhama	Geo. W. Caldwell r2 Newton	Yes	12-'3	Wood	500	9	8	8	4,500.00			4,500.00		
Mt. Zion	Dan Long Stanley	Yes	1869	Wood	500	5	5	4	2,500.00			2,500.00		
Mtn. Grove	G. F. Huffman Hickory	Yes	1881	Brick	300	9		8	4,000.00			4,000.00		
Mtn. View	M. O. Gilliland Maiden	Yes	1900	Wood	300		6							
Newton First	P. D. Huitt Newton	Yes	1914	Brick	400	10	2	8	26,500.00		4,500.00	31,000.00	900.00	800.00
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant Newton	Yes	1923	Wood	200	3	2	2	1,000.00		1,500.00	2,500.00	38.00	1,500.00
Olivet	H. E. Fisher Long Island	Yes	1884	Wood	300	8	2	7	2,400.00		1,600.00	4,000.00		28.00
Penelope	L. F. Yoder Hickory	Yes	1888	Wood	700	22	4	18	15,000.00	6,500.	2,000.00	23,500.00	3,000.00	12,350.00
Piney Grove	Miss H. Etta Setzer Newton	Yes	1905	Wood	350	1	*	*	400.00			400.00		
Providence	Millie Whitener r3 Vale	Yes	1892	Wood	300	5	*	4	2,500.00			2,500.00		1,500.00
Reepsville	Sophia Logan Lincolnton	Yes	1935	Wood	350	6	6	4	2,000.00			2,000.00	150.00	
River View	G. S. Caldwell r1 Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	500	9	8	8	5,800.00		2,000.00	7,800.00		3,250.00
Salem	Clarence Helms Lincolnton	Yes	1930	Brick	500	1			3,000.00			3,000.00		
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Sta.	Yes	1900	Wood	300	1	*	*	500.00			500.00		
Southside	Alice Huss r4 Lincolnton	Yes	1925	Wood	400	9	8	8	4,000.00			4,000.00		2,000.00
Warlicks	E. T. Berry Icard	Yes	1932	Brick	500	9	8	8	7,000.00			7,000.00	198.00	
TOTALS					15,650	380	119	324	$386,635.50	$6,500.00	$32,100.00	$425,235.50	$32,414.00	$130,178.00

*—*None*

TABLE IV GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S.S., B.Y.P.U. & W.M.S.	Help given to Local Poor	For Exp of Min.& Association	Other Objects	Tot. all local pur.by Church & all Org.
Amity	P. A. Mullin r1 Iron Sta.	$ 100.00	$	$ 25.00	$	$	$	$ 30.20	$	$ 1.75	$ 57.91	$ 214.86
Antioch	G. W. Martin r3 Lincolnton	80.12		4.00			18.00	16.00		1.50		119.62
Bethel	E. P. Mullen Lincolnton	108.85			7.00			18.00		.45		134.30
Boger City	W. H. Boyles Boger City	1,404.00		106.25	2,575.47	1,372.68	115.93	153.97	43.95	5.50	150.47	5,928.22
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	1,384.00		207.34	226.73		643.31	167.14	28.05	6.00		2,662.57
Brown Memorial	Geo. W. Fox r2 Hickory	422.00	143.00	95.00	207.50	572.00	205.12	114.89	11.00	6.00	162.75	1,939.26
Catawba	Neil Wike Catawba	472.43		83.00	218.50		94.03	121.81		5.00	80.20	1,074.97
Cedar Grove	Henry Scronce Maiden	95.12					3.55	30.00		1.00		129.67
Center View	W. W. Laney r1 Maiden	260.32		44.89	444.89		32.90			2.50	7.71	793.21
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant r1 Hickory	281.25		44.50			25.60	69.80		4.00	27.73	452.88
Denver	B. L. Beal Denver	68.31								.50		68.81
Faith	Mrs. Horace Bradshaw Iron Sta	100.00		15.41			2.55	7.00		2.25		127.21
Gainesville	Will Engle Lincolnton	135.00						20.00				155.00
Hickory First	H. G. Stephens Hickory	3,000.00	600.00	85.00	123.61	1,778.00	1,548.63	724.70	377.02	35.00	805.60	9,077.56
West Hickory	W. S. Abernethy box835 Hic'y	1,168.00		35.00		439.00	199.60	223.50	15.00	5.00		2,085.10
Highland	W. B. Duncan r3 Hickory	2,015.52	90.00	220.60	851.33	190.00	502.78	245.89	12.25	15.00	54.15	4,197.52
Kids Chapel	D. A. Poole Iron Sta.	35.00						10.00				45.00
Lawing's Chapel	J. J. Henry r3 Lincolnton	444.57		43.46			30.76	58.21		5.00		582.00
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	50.00					11.25	12.43		2.00		75.68
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman Lincolnton	504.00		22.77	7.10	247.50	103.84	78.69		4.00	31.55	999.45
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincolnton	2,125.00	10.00	162.00	27.71	1,084.79	503.70	156.69	39.82	12.50	178.10	4,300.31
Long Shoals	Mrs. S. J. Johnson r4 Lin'ton	75.00		10.00			39.00	20.00	25.00	.75		169.75
Macedonia	Evelyn Erving Iron Station	312.96					59.52	16.43		3.00		391.91
East Maiden	Clifton Turbyfill Maiden	430.02		46.00	711.76	59.78	62.00	116.13	20.00	5.00	29.10	1,479.79
Maiden First	Laura Hill Setzer Maiden	1,448.07		80.00	63.78	579.47	252.49	103.64	43.38	12.00	56.51	2,639.34
Mt. Ruhama	Robert Drum r2 Newton	589.51		30.00	123.49		41.37	19.57	75.40	5.00	82.60	966.94
Mt. Zion	E. A. Sadler Alexis	118.00		74.50		130.00	28.60	66.35		3.00		420.45
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckard r1 Hickory	400.00	10.00	24.25	400.00			51.50		4.00	15.50	905.25
Mtn. View	Carl Killian Maiden	264.66			40.00					3.00		307.66
Newton First	J. Y. Killian Newton	1,500.00				637.81	161.08	126.53		7.50	345.47	2,778.39
North Newton	J. R. Murray Newton	359.00	20.00	43.00	162.00	95.00	35.25		2.00	2.00	163.25	881.50
Olivet	W. W. Ervin r2 Catawba	442.12		75.00	102.00		77.11	97.40	25.50	5.00	10.00	834.13
Penelope	W. A. Cooke Hickory	1,755.00		105.65	6,931.00		314.15	188.17		7.50		9,301.47
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy Catawba	83.13		16.00	54.45			15.91		1.50	7.45	178.44
Providence	D. W. Brittain r1 Hickory	300.00		50.00			13.00	20.15		3.50	190.70	577.35
Reepsville	Amos Scronce r1 Lincolnton	48.86	10.31		16.33	110.00	7.56	23.33		2.00		218.39
River View	P. L. Coffee r4 Lincolnton	538.88		18.00			289.64	52.21	5.65	4.50		908.88
Salem	J. R. Avery r4 Lincolnton	143.66		14.75	100.00		4.00	26.00		3.00		291.41
Sharon	Edna Lineberger Iron Station	45.90		17.76	20.00			8.44		1.00		93.10
Southside	Frank Parker r4 Lincolnton	400.00		37.75	461.00		115.00	73.43	30.30	4.00	116.75	1,238.23
Warlicks	Forest McGuire r3 Hickory	150.00		45.50	100.00	364.00	25.00	29.66	8.00	2.00		724.16
	TOTALS	$23,658.26	$ 883.31	$1,882.38	$13,975.65	$7,660.03	$5,566.32	$3,313.77	$ 762.32	$ 194.20	$2,573.50	$60,469.74

TABLE V GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, BENEVOLENCES, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Edu. & Seminaries	Special to Orph'ge	Special to Hosp'ls	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total for Missions & Benovelences	Total for Local Purposes	Grand Total for All Purposes
Amity	P. A. Mullin r1 Iron Sta.	$	$	$ 3.00	$ 3.82	$	$	$ 18.00	$ 3.00	$	$ 3.00	$ 30.82	$ 214.86	$ 245.68
Antioch	G. W. Martin r3 Lincolnton												119.62	119.62
Bethel	E. P. Mullen Lincolnton							5.00					5.00	134.30	139.30
Boger City	W. H. Boyles Boger City	224.31	20.10	3.30	14.42	17.09		178.35	19.24		42.80	519.61	5,928.22	6,447.83
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	2,046.53		51.40	8.93	48.19		297.47	44.95		120.76	2,618.23	2,662.57	5,280.80
Brown Memorial	Geo. W. Fox r2 Hickory	626.23		10.74	10.00		10.00	156.09	14.31			827.37	1,939.26	2,766.63
Catawba	Neil Wike Catawba	102.50		27.50	16.15	23.00		87.04	16.20		10.20	282.59	1,069.96	1,352.55
Cedar Grove	Henry Scronce Maiden	4.75						4.40	9.75			18.90	129.67	148.57
Center View	W. W. Laney r1 Maiden			9.00	5.00	7.35		43.53				64.88	793.21	858.09
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant r1 Hickory	86.20						30.28	6.47		4.65	127.60	452.88	580.48
Denver	B. L. Beal Denver												68.81	68.81
Faith	Mrs. Horace Bradshaw Iron Sta			2.75	3.30	3.12		4.73	2.13			16.03	127.21	143.24
Gainesville	Will Engle Lincolnton							3.00				3.00	155.00	158.00
Hickory First	H. G. Stephens Hickory	3,093.78	6.10	88.58	63.07	308.82	12.25	841.74	77.00		84.70	4,576.04	9,045.56	13,621.60
West Hickory	W. S. Abernethy box835 Hic'y	103.50		20.00		20.00		60.00	15.00			218.50	3,165.10	3,383.60
Highland	W. B. Duncan r3 Hickory	1,411.87		2.25	4.18	8.78		165.31	19.79		37.50	1,649.68	4,197.52	5,847.20
Kids Chapel	D. A. Poole Iron Sta.					3.00		3.00				6.00	45.00	51.00
Lawing's Chapel	J. J. Henry r3 Lincolnton	78.69		2.18				46.43	11.65			138.95	582.00	720.95
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	50.75						16.00	5.00			71.75	75.68	147.43
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman Lincolnton	88.59		7.59	1.61	1.60		43.69	3.30			146.38	999.45	1,145.83
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincolnton	302.49	5.40	17.88	21.76	68.91	20.00	149.32	28.69		104.00	718.45	4,300.31	5,018.76
Long Shoals	Mrs. S. J. Johnson r4 Lin'ton							2.15	5.25			7.40	145.00	152.40
Macedonia	Evelyn Erving Iron Station	19.25						15.15				34.40	391.91	426.31
East Maiden	Clifton Turbyfill Maiden	64.31				10.00		62.70				137.01	1,479.79	1,616.80
Maiden First	Laura Hill Setzer Maiden	258.26						65.69				323.95	2,639.34	2,963.29
Mt. Ruhama	Robert Drum r2 Newton	89.69						63.50	13.25			166.44	966.94	1,133.38
Mt. Zion	E. A. Sadler Alexis	37.46						109.75	13.68			160.89	420.45	581.34
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckard r1 Hickory	50.65		9.55				50.00	10.15		26.90	147.25	905.25	1,052.50
Mtn. View	Carl Killian Maiden	20.00		10.00	5.00	5.00		10.00	7.00			57.00	307.66	364.66
Newton First	J. Y. Killian Newton	318.25		5.00	5.00			123.29	10.00			461.54	2,778.39	3,239.93
North Newton	J. R. Murray Newton	36.00		15.00	7.40	8.50	4.00	71.09	13.00			154.99	881.50	1,036.49
Olivet	W. W. Ervin r2 Catawba	200.00						90.00	10.00			300.00	834.12	1,134.12
Penelope	W. A. Cooke Hickory	168.69						48.67	6.49		15.00	238.85	9,301.47	9,540.32
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy Catawba	2.50		1.00	2.00	1.00		9.96	3.75	2.00	1.75	23.96	178.44	202.40
Providence	D. W. Brittain r1 Hickory	100.00										100.00	577.35	677.35
Reepsville	Amos Scronce r1 Lincolnton							4.00	1.50			5.50	218.39	223.89
River View	P. L. Coffee r4 Lincolnton	99.72		18.66	38.22	46.75		123.14	15.00		7.85	349.34	908.88	1,258.22
Salem	J. R. Avery r4 Lincolnton				23.00			31.05				54.05	286.41	340.46
Sharon	Edna Lineberger Iron Station			3.90				6.55			1.29	11.74	73.30	85.04
Southside	Frank Parker r4 Lincolnton		28.88					109.71				138.59	1,235.33	1,373.92
Warlicks	Forest McGuire r3 Hickory			4.20				16.00	5.20			25.40	724.16	749.56
	TOTALS	$9,684.97	$ 60.48	$ 313.48	$ 232.86	$ 581.11	$ 46.25	$3,165.78	$ 390.75	$ 2.00	$ 460.40	14,938.08	61,460.27	76,398.35

TABLE VI BAPTIST TRAINING UNION & MEN'S BROTHERHOODS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK													MEN'S BROTHERHOODS						
	B. T. U. With Director?	Is B. T. U. A-1?	B. A. U.'s	Senior B. Y. P. U.'s	Intermediate B. Y. P. U.'s	Junior B. Y. P. U.'s	Story Hours	Total B. A. U.'s and B. Y. P. U.'s	A-1 B. Y. P. U.'s and B. A. U.'s	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours	Total Enrolled	Total No. Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers in Unions	Students in College from Your Church	Number Brotherhoods	Enrollment Brotherhoods
Amity																					
Antioch				1		1		2			9		9		18						
Bethel	Yes	No		1				1	*		21				21	21	13		*		
Boger City	Yes	No	1	1	1	2	1	6		8	12	10	31	20	81	38	23	28	*	*	
Brookford	Yes	No	1	1	1	2	1	6											1		
Brown Memorial	Yes	No	1	1	1	1	1	5		19	12	15	13	12	71	18	42	34	*		
Catawba	No																				
Cedar Grove	No			1		1		2			21		20		41	2					
Center View																					
Corinth																			1		
Denver																					
Faith																					
Gainesville			1	10		16		27													
Hickory First	Yes	No	1	2	2	2	1	8		16	33	31	44	15	139	31	34	111	5		
West Hickory			*	1	2	2	*	5	*	*	19	15	20	*	54	29	29	29			
Highland	Yes	No	1	1	1	2	1	6	*	23	14	43	43	22	145	27	41	137	2		
Kids Chapel																					
Lawing's Chapel	No	No		1		1		2			17		17		34	4		27			
Leonard's Fork																					
Lincoln Avenue	Yes	No		1	1	1		3			14	15	20		49	28	26	29	*		
Lincolnton First	Yes	No	1	1	1	1		4		13	16	31	21		81	51	57	81	2		
Long Shoals																					
Macedonia																					
East Maiden	Yes	No	1	1	1	1	1	5		8	11	17	10	10	56	25	18	14			
Maiden First	Yes	No		1	1	1	1	4			10	20	14	6	50	7	13	30		*	
Mt. Ruhama																					
Mt. Zion	Yes	1		1	1			2	2	7	9	6	3		25	20	25	25			
Mtn. Grove	Yes	No		16	19			35								12		25			
Mtn. View																					
Newton First																			2		
North Newton																					
Olivet	Yes	No		1	1	1		3			21	25	11		57	26	11	37			
Penelope	Yes	No	1	1	2	2	1	7		29	27	29	29	19	135	24	64	37	*	2	55
Piney Grove																					
Providence																			1		
Reepsville																					
River View																					
Salem	Yes	No		1				1				16			16	7	3	8			
Sharon																					
Southside																					
Warlicks																					
TOTALS		1	9	44	36	37	8	134	2	123	268	273	305	104	1073	370	399	652	14	2	55

*—None.

TABLE VII W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CHURCHES	Number W. M. S.'s	Number Y. W. A.'s	Number G. A.'s	Number R. A.'s	No. Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W.M.S. Members	Y.W.A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total in Mission Study Courses	Given for Local Work by W.M.U.	Given for Missions by W. M. U.	Grand Total for All Purposes
Amity														$	$	$
Antioch																
Bethel																
Boger City	1	1	2	*	1	5	13	15	17		29	74	*	104.16	60.15	164.31
Brookford	1					1									8.70	8.70
Brown Memorial	2	1	1	*	1	5	37	10	11	*	9	67	16	44.45	169.69	214.14
Catawba	1					1	15					15		20.00	106.60	126.60
Cedar Grove																
Center View																
Corinth	1					1	9					9		2.50	4.65	7.15
Denver																
Faith																
Gainesville																
Hickory First	1	1	2	1	1	6	130	26	27	12	57	252	106	92.75	516.44	609.19
West Hickory	1	1	2	1	1	6	22	10	15	15	16	78			.88	.88
Highland	1	1	1		1	4	30	18	15		20	83		2 190.79	831.17	3 021.96
Kids Chapel																
Lawing's Chapel	1					1	9					9		3.26	65.67	68.93
Leonard's Fork	1					1	8					8	8		37.00	37.00
Lincoln Avenue																
Lincolnton First	1	1	2	1	1	6	62	10	26	10	33	141	77	58.98	168.32	227.30
Long Shoals																
Macedonia																
East Maiden	1					1	10					10			13.20	13.20
Maiden First	1	1				2	24	20				44		55.78	39.61	95.39
Mt. Ruhama																
Mt. Zion																
Mtn. Grove	1		1			2	15		10			25				
Mtn. View																
Newton First	1	1			1	3	20	30			18	68	15	88.55	172.41	260.96
North Newton	1				1	2	13				15	28		157.00	4.00	161.00
Olivet																
Penelope	1	1	2	2	1	7	25	15	63	14	14	131	85	121.29	118.22	239.51
Piney Grove																
Providence																
Reepsville																
River View	1		1			2	18		15			33				
Salem																
Sharon																
Southside																
Warlicks																
TOTALS	19	9	14	5	9	56	460	154	199	51	211	1075	307	$2,939.51	$2,316.71	$5,256.22

*—None.

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CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as South Fork Baptist Association.
2. The objects of this Association shall be to educate to the ministry, men called of God and approved by the Church to which they belong; to support the Gospel throughout the bounds of the Association; to assist Baptist churches in erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible by all our people; to promote the work of the Bible School and Young People and to co-operate with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention in all departments of their work.
3. This Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the several member churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association and Chairmen of all standing committees. Each church of one hundred members or fraction thereof shall be entitled to two messengers, and for each additional fifty members, an additional messenger; provided, that no church shall have more than five messengers.
4. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Representative of Baptist Hospital, and Representative of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, all of whom shall be elected on the closing day of each annual session and shall serve through the next annual meeting. The Association shall also elect annually the following officers of the South Fork Sunday School Convention: Namely, a Superintendent, and Secretary-Treasurer; and said Association shall ratify or confirm the selection of the following Associational officers: Superintendent of the W. M. U., and the Director of the B. T. U.
5. There shall be an Executive Committee for the Association, consisting of the Moderator, ex-officio, and nine members representing the different sections of the Association. The nine members shall be divided into equal groups and elected for one, two and three years. As the terms expire, the successors shall serve for terms of three years. At each annual session, the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three to nominate, at the following annual session, members to fill vacancies of the Executive Committee. Vacancies occuring between sessions of the Association may be filled until next session by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Failure without good reason to attend at least two meetings of the Executive Committee during the year shall disqualify any member from serving the following years. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions and report annually to the Association and bring to the Association such recommendations as they may consider wise.
6. The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present on the first or second day of the Association.
7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the First Sunday in October at ten A. M. The hours for the convention of further sessions of the Association shall be fixed by the Moderator or by the Program Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. This Association shall hold four quarterly union meetings each year, the same to be held each fifth Sunday afternoon. There shall also be an annual Spring session, the same to be purely inspirational. These meetings to be under the direction of Executive Committee, the necessary expenses to be paid from the general fund.
8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee for each annual session, composed of three members, one of which shall be the Pastor of the church with which the Association will meet. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a program for the next annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The number of the messengers shall be ascertained each day previous to proceeding with the business of the Association.
3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate someone else to preside if he wishes to vacate the chair.
4. The Parliamentary Procedure shall be in accordance with Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Practice", which shall be final authority on any question of procedure arising during the deliberation of the Asociation.
5. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and shall superintend the printing of the Minutes at an annual salary of $35.00.

Mt. Grove	E. Spencer, Mrs. E. Spencer, A. M. Huffman
Mt. View	L. P. Gilliland, H. P. Dellinger
Newton First	Mrs. G. P. Coulter, L. B. Beal, Mrs. Bertha Burns, Mrs. C. D. Jessup, Mrs. B. C. Hilton
North Newton	B. B. White, Mrs. C. A. Wilkinson
Olivet	Miss Louise Pope, Miss Maude Pope, W. W. Ervin
Penelope	Mrs. L. R. Frye, Mrs. C. C. Annas, Miss Gertrude Robinson, Mrs. J. M. Harwell, Julius Butler
Piney Grove	Miss Ruth R. Setzer, J. P. Abernathy, Henry Etta Setzer
Providence	Millie Whitener, Mrs. R. W. Schrum, Mrs. Cecil Brittain
Reepsville	Miss Sophia Logan, Mrs. Charlie Schronce, McKinsley Scronce, Jesse Scronce
River View	Mrs. G. W. Punch, G. W. Punch, Mrs. R. E. Weaver
Salem	C. F. Clanton, Sr.
Sharon	S. P. Dellinger
Southside	William Justice
Warlicks	Minnie Knox, Grady Ruce, Frank Spegle, Marie Austin

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Associational Officers	4
Pastors and Ministers	20
Official Messengers and Alternates	139
From Associational Churches (other than Messengers)	262
State Officers and Representatives	6
Visitors from Local Community	15
Visitors from Outside Community	30
Pastors and Ministers Outside Association	6
Total Registered Attendance	482

NUMBER OF VISITORS
Association

Caldwell	2
Central	1
Catawba River	4
Dover	1
French Broad	1
Gaston	5
Liberty	3
Brushy Mountain	1
Pilot Mountain	2
Tuchaseigea	1

NUMBER OF VISITORS
Other Denomination

Lutheran	5
Methodist	9

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

R. F. Terrell	Hoyt Blackwell	M. O. Alexander
Smith Hagaman	L. L. Morgan	I. G. Greer

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1938

The South Fork Baptist Association met at 9:50 A. M., the 6th day of October, 1938 A. D., in its 60th annual session, with Boger City Baptist Church, Boger City, N. C., with messengers in attendance as shown by list of messengers.

Moderator L. L. Hatfield called the meeting to order. Mrs. L. P. Frans, director of music for the annual meeting led the opening hymns—"Rescue the Perishing" and "Wonderful Words of Life". After prayer, led by T. H. Roach, R. G. Mace had charge of the worship, using Prov. 11:30 as a basis for the subject—"The Wise Win Souls".

The hymn, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning", was sung by the association.

Messengers for the churches were enrolled and the visitors were welcomed.

W. W. Marr introduced the following new pastors: O. S. Ulmar, Newton First; L. M. Canipe, River View and Leonard Fork; Morris Baker, Lincoln Ave; R. G. Mace, Mount Zion; A. M. Kizar, Long Shoals.

Report of the Program Committee given by F. G. Womack, who moved the adoption of the report, which motion was carried.

H. B. Jones welcomed the Association and L. L. Hatfield gave the response.

Hymn—"Take Time to Be Holy" was sung.

Brief statements were made relative to the following by L. L. Hatfield: (1) Census taking of Northeast section, (2) Associational Education against Alcoholic Drinks, and (3) Sunday School Revival.

C. G. Ellis made the following report:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Southern Baptists have a variety of periodicals and literature that meets the need of every phase of our work. Our lesson helps for our Sunday SchoolS, B. T. U.'s, and W. M. U.s are unsurpassed.

Royal Service, Southern Baptist Home Missions, monthly publication of the Home Mission Board, Charity and Children, and Biblical Recorder, each for its place in our Kingdom Building program. We should make better use of all of these sources of information and inspiration. We

recommend that all of our churches use our own denominational literature in all of its class work and study courses, that the Royal Service, Southern Baptist Home Mission, monthly publication, Charity and Children, and Biblical Recorder all have a broader circulation and a closed reading by all of our people. We further recommend that each Sunday School take Charity and Children in clubs for distribution.

We find that out of the 41 churches that only 13 Sunday Schools are getting Charity and Children in clubs, amounting to 429 copies, taken by the following Sunday Schools:

Brookford	20
Brown Memorial	20
Catawba	24
Center Viev	10
Hickory First	150
Highland	40
Lawing's Chapel	10
Lincolnton First	25
Mountain Grove	15
North Newton	30
Newton	50
Piney Grove	20
Reepsville	10
Total	429

Sixteen people in the Association subscribe for the paper individually, every Pastor and every Superintendent of a Sunday School should be receiving a copy of the paper each week complimentary, if there is a pastor or a Superintendant in the Association who is not getting the paper complimentary, a post card informing the office of the fact is all that will be necessary. That makes 525 copies coming into our Association. We urge that every Sunday School in our Association take a sufficient number of copies to give a copy to each family who would be interested in reading it.

For the Biblical Recorder we recommend, "The Associational Plan". In anticipation of the annual meeting of the association, let clubs of subscribers be formed in every church to run concurrently with the associational year and renewed annually at the meeting of the association.

The aim of this associational plan is two fold: First to secure subscriptions on the club plan in every church in the association; second, to so arrange it that all these clubs will run concurrently with the association year and thus have a uniform date of expiration.

The associational plan contemplates an enlargement of service of the Religious Literature Committee appointed by the association to report on denominational literature at the annual meeting of the association. This committee to cooperate with the churches in providing for an association-wide distribution of our state denominational paper, the Biblical Recorder, on the club plan.

To make effective the associational plan in the local church, the church selects or appoints a Recorder representative for the church to cooperate with the Religious Literature committee of the association.

We would further commend to our people Southern Baptist Home Missions, monthly publication of the Home Mission Board, as the most authentic source of full information on Home Mission work, needs, and trends today. This fast-growing magazine which has had an increase of nearly 2,000 subscribers a month since it became a monthly publi-

cation with the January, 1938, issue can be had for only twenty-five cents a year.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. G. ELLIS.

Brother Ellis moved the adoption of the report.

An announcement concerning the entertainment of messengers was made by Brother Jones.

The hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", was sung by the association.

Rev. R. F. Terrell, circulation manager of the Biblical Recorder, spoke on "The Mission of the Biblical Recorder," emphasizing the value of Religious Literature as inspiration for civic, denominational, church, home, and public endeavor.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. W. G. Bandy made the following report on the W. M. U.:

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

As this is our 50th anniversary of W. M. U. I am most happy to bring this report.

Missions have always been dear to the hearts of women. Maybe because He has done so much for us that we hear so clearly His call, "Go Ye". All down through the ages women have been especially sensitive to the needs of the world and have given themselves to India, to China, to Africa.

Now in this Golden Jubilee year of W. M. U. work we give praise to our Father for the opportunities that have been ours, for the responsibilities laid upon us and for the blessings we have received. With a trumpet call we go forward into another fifty years of glorious work for Him.

The W. M. U. is made up of organizations for all ages from the Sunbeam through the Brotherhood for a supreme purpose the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. The principal aims are prayers, bible study, mission study and stewardship. What a wonderful program for each church to adopt.

In our association of 40 churches, 20 have one or more organizations. There are 20 with no organization whatsoever. Are they doing any mission study? Are the giving anything to missions to carry out Christ's distinct command?

The W. M. U. gave to all purposes last year a total of $3,553.05. One of our outstanding projects is the Y. W. A. cottage at Ridgecrest which we sponsor each year, making it possible for about 20 girls from this association to spend 10 days at the southwide Y. W. A. camp.

In this time of stress and uncertainty may we turn each of us to Him who is certain and make His Way our way and trust Him to lead us on to victory.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. H. BOWLES, Supt.
MRS W. G. BANDY, Reporter.

Mrs. J. W. Bowles moved the report's adoption.

Speaker to the report, Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, Wusik, China, related some of her experiences during her 29 years as a missionary on the foreign fields.

W. M. U. Report was adopted.

The clerk read the names of special committees which the Moderator had appointed as follows:

Place and preachers for 1939 Session — J. A. Steelman, G. S. Whisnant, L. A. McClure.

On Credentials—R. K. Redwine, R. G. Mace, and J. W. Bowles.

Auditing—T. H. Roach, S. M. Stroup, and F. G. Womack.

Digest of Church Letters—E. F. Sullivan, Morris Baker, and L. M. Kanipe.

Resolutions—W. C. Reid.

J. Y. Killian, treasurer and trustee of scholarship fund, presented the following report:

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Funds invested as follows:

Town of Maiden, (Note)	$1,500.00
W. D. Hursey, Claremont N. C. (Note)	500.00
G. S. Whisnant, Maiden, N. C. (Note)	400.00
B. B. Burris Newton, N. C. (Note)	200.00
	$2,600.00

Receipts, etc.

Oct. 1, 1937—Bal. in Shuford N. Bank, Newton N. C.	$ 6.25
Dec. 22, 1937—Interest collected from Town of Maiden	90.00
May 5, 1938—Interest collected from B. B. Burris	12.00
May 10, 1938—Interest collected from G. S. Whisnant	24.00
Sept. 30, 1938—Interest collected from W. D. Hursey	30.00
	$162.25

Disbursements

Paid on Miss Fern Hudson expenses at Mars Hill College

Dec. 23, 1937	$ 90.00
May 11, 1938	36.00
June 5, 1938	24.00
	$150.00
Oct. 1, 1938—On deposit Shuford Natl. Bank	12.25
	$162.25

Collected for Minute Fund, Clerk Hire, and General Associational Expenses

Oct. 1, 1937—Bal. in Shufords National Bank	$ 19.40
Oct. 7, to Nov. 1—Collected for Minute funds, etc.	194.20
Oct. 25—Collected at 5th Sunday Union Meeting	3.65
Jan. 31, 1938—Collected at Jan. 5th Sunday Meeting to to pay expenses of religious census in Catawba County	22.52
April 20, 1938—Collected at Spring Session of the Association	9.58
May 29, 1938—Collected at 5th Sunday Union Meeting	6.11
	$255.46

Disbursements

Sept. 19, 1937—Ex. for postage for Aug 5th Sun. Union Meeting	$ 1.00
Oct. 27, 1937—Pd. expenses of Dr. Clyde Turner to Association	7.50
Oct. 27, 1937—Pd. Hickory Ptg. Co. for programs for Assoc.	10.50
Oct. 27, 1937—Postage, etc. for Association	5.10
Jan. 4, 1938—Pd. Hickory Ptg. Co for printing minutes	89.23
Jan. 14, 1938—Pd. postage etc. for Oct. 5th Sunday Meeting	3.50
Jan. 14, 1938—Pd. M. S. Brittain, Clerk hire	35.00
Feb. 7, 1938—Pd. expenses for Jan. 6th Sunday Meeting	7.10
Feb. 7, 1938—Pd. expenses for Rev. J. M. Jamerson	3.00
Feb. 7, 1938—Pd. Rev. J. E. Carter for religious census work	7.50
Feb. 23, 1938—Pd. Hickory Ptg. Co. for report cards for census work	4.00
Mch. 15, 1938—Pd. Rev. J. E. Carter for census work	7.50
April 15, 1938—Pr. Rev. J. E. Carter for census work	7.50
May 2, 1938 Pd. Hickory Ptg. Co. printing programs for Spring session of Association	3.50
May 2, 1938—Pd. postage, etc. for Spring S. of Assoc.	2.71
June 4, 1938—Pd. Hickory Ptg. Co. programs for 5th Sun Meeting	3.50
June 4 1938—Pd. expenses of postage, etc. for 5th Sun meeting	3.21
June 4, 1938—Dr. Hoyt Blackwells expenses to 5th Sun. Meeting	4.00
Aug. 1, 1938—Paid Joe Hester for loud speaker at Mt. Ruhama Meeting	5.00
Aug. 5, 1938—Paid Hickory Ptg. Co. for programs for Mt. Ruhama Meeting	2.50
Aug. 5, 1938—Paid postage, etc., for Mt. Ruhama Meeting	4.60
Sept. 3, 1938—Paid I. I. Williams for refreshment at Fellowship Meeting	6.10
Sept. 12, 1938—Paid expenses of postage, etc. for Fellowship Meeting	2.25
Oct. 3, 1938—Paid Rev. J. E. Carter for census work	15.00
	$240.80
Oct. 3, 1938—Bal. in Shufords National Bank	14.66
	$255.46

Funds Collected for United Dry Forces

Oct. 7, 1937—Col at Association	$ 37.50
Mch. 21 to May 9, 1938 collected	243.80
	$281.30

Disbursements

Oct. 9, 1937—Remitted to Mr. Cale Burgess	$ 37.50

Mch. 25, to May 26, 1938—Remitted to Mr. Cale Burgess	208.00
Mch. 25 to May 26, 1938—Expenses for Dry forces campaign	35.80
	$281.30

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN, Treas.-Trustee.

Report adopted.

After the hymn—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", followed by prayer, with C. G. Ellis leading. C. H. Henderson of the Mountain Grove Field preached the annual sermon: "The Power of God in an Evangelistic Awakening" was the theme based on Acts 1:1-9.

Brother Henderson led in prayer and the Association adjourned at 12:25 for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

Song service—"Do Not Pass Me By".

Worship—led by L. M. Kanipe, who also led in prayer.

E. F. Sullivan made the following report:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of this association has had an unusually busy year. We planned the programs and advertised all the fifth Sunday Union Meetings. Which meetings were well attended. We also promoted the spring session which was held at Maiden on Easter Monday.

In anticipation of an election on liquor stores in Catawba County we planned a Baptist Temperance Field Day in the association. With the aid of outside speakers, there were meetings held in 38 churches on the second Sunday in March with a total attendance of 6,000, and a total offering for temperance of $243.00. Later each pastor was written to, urging him to speak on temperance in his own church. On the fifth Sunday in July, just before the election, a big temperance rally was held at Mt. Ruhama Church. As a result of our efforts and God's help we rolled up a big majority of 2,832 against the liquor stores on August 6th, and turned back the conquering tide of the liquor forces we hope forever in North Carolina.

We awarded the scholarship this year to Miss Daisy Ervin. The fifth Sunday meetings in May was turned into a recognition service for all the girls who have had the benefit of this scholarship.

Your committee gave approval to the applications of four Preacher's widows who live in the bounds of this association.

Brother J. E. Carter was employed to take a religious census of the territory north the Southern railroad in Catawba county. In the rural

territory canvassed he found 721 homes with a few scattered Baptists in 68 of these homes mostly near Hickory or Catawba Churches. He found only two Baptist families in the Town of Claremont. He did find however 20 Baptist families in Conover which are not counted in the number of rural homes given above. We plan on the strength of this survey to begin a mission work in Conover soon.

Brother Carter worked from 6 to 11 hours per day for 18 days and traveled 500 miles. He was paid $22.50 for expenses and $15.00 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

Frank Booth moved the report's adoption—the motion carried.

Following the hymn—"Trust and Obey", the state of the churches was presented in the form of one minute reports. The following churches made no report: Bethel, Brookford, Denver, and Salem, the other 37 churches made their report which was very encouraging.

The association sang "More Love to Thee" and the program continued.

Committee Reports:

Place and Preacher for 1939 Session—J. A. Steelman, chairman, recommended that the Association meet with Brown Memorial, and that L. A. McClure preach the annual sermon with L. R. Williams as alternate. The recommendation was accepted.

Bro. Hoyle Love, chairman, recommended the following for the Executive Committee for those whose terms expire in 1938: J. Y. Killian, W. A. Potts and J. L. Proctor. G. S. Whisnant moved the report's adoption, motion carried.

The Co-operation Program was presented as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has just completed its twentieth year of service. This Board should find a larger place in the hearts of our people than has been accorded it hitherto. It has rendered a great service but is capable of rendering a still greater service. We should make it a matter of prayer, of study and co-operative effort, because God would have us help one another and above all he wants us to take care of His Ambassadors who are our Ministers, Preachers or Laymen.

Ministers are gifts of Christ himself to the churches, (Ephesians 4:11). The minister is God made, not man made. Paul said according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Too often our churches have forgotten this and depended too much upon human wisdom when they have sought a minister.

The minister is an employee of a church, but only in a secondary sense; he is first of all Christ's Ambassador. As Paul said to Timothy he is

worthy of double honor when he gives himself to the preaching and teaching of the word of God.

The minister is worthy of his support while he is physically and mentally fit for the burden bearing in the churches. Ministering ministers and ministering laymen have a like claim upon churches, boards and institutions in which they serve for their necessities both while they are active and after they are laid aside on account of disease or age.

The Care of our Aged and Infirm Preachers and Widows

Our Board continually faces the great task laid upon it by the Southern Baptist Convention and by the various States, of providing food, clothing adn shelter for thounsands of ministers who have grown old in the service of Christ and for the widows of ministers who have gone to their heavenly reward. The time has not come and will not come for many years when there will not be the necessity for aiding these servants of the Lord and the amounts that we are paying them ought by all means be increased for they are pitifully small.

The Fellowship Offering

The Relief and Annuity Board is continuing to ask that the churches take at least one Fellowship Offering in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper each year and send it through the State-Treasurer marked, "Special Fellowship Offering for Ministerial Relief". A great number of our churches are doing this and yet the great majority have neglected it. If thousands of our churches would take this Fellowship Offering the Relief and Annuity Board will be able to send thousands of dollars more money to our aged and dependent veterans. Here is something our pastors and deacons should look after.

Preparing for Future Needs

The younger men now active in church work of the Southern Baptist churches will if they live grow old unless something is done to protect them in old age they will become dependent either on the churches or their communities. It is not enough to say that the children or grandchildren will or should take care of them. The simple truth is that most of them do not, many are unable on account of their own families and many would not if they could. Many children of ministers do help their parents and often at a great sacrifice, but is it not much better for churches and ministers to co-operate in the payments of certain dues built up through the Relief and Annuity Boards during the years of active service and drawn upon during the years of inactivity. These church dues may be limited to three percent (3%) of the ministers monthly salary while the minister pays a like amount. No salary is too small to enable the churches and ministers to benefit by this plan.

Record of Benefit Paid

The Board has provided benefits to aged ministers and widows on the relief side of its work. The Relief and Annuity Board is the pension agency for the Southern Baptist Convention not only for its pastors when they are old and dependent but for employees of its boards and institutions, laymen or ordained. Our Foreign Missionary and Orphanage employees of our state Board, colleges and hospitals will soon be protected. Numbers of beneficiaries in North Carolina now on Relief Board, men, fifty-nine; women, sixty-one, contributed to the Board by North Carolina in 1936-1937, $7,253.67. Of this amount $3,555.52 was contributed by W. M. U. of North Carolina. Appropriated to North Carolina by the board, $7,807.60.

Number of Annuitants in North Carolina under the several annuities plans including ministers and employees of the Orphanage and Baptist

Mission Boards 287. Number in North Carolina now drawing annuities 59, number of annuitants in the South 2,484. Number of Relief beneficiaries in the South 1,200. Total relief beneficaries throughout the South $84,942. Number on Emergency Relief in the South 42. Number of dependent children on Relief in South 150.

A Worthy Organization

The Relief and Annuity Board after much consideration and prayerful planning was constituted by the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1918. It has given thousands and at the same time has conserved and increased its funds. In 1919 the Board had assets of $106,428.53; today it assets are almost $5,000,000.00. It has earned on its invested funds more than $2,500,000.00.

The Administration of Relief Board

The founders of the Relief and Annuity Board have always laid stress on the matter of giving immediate aid to ministers and widows who are in a state of dependency.

Many churches are failing to look after their old ministers and thousands of old ministers have come to old age in need.

Many churches and pastors have considered end entered into co-operation with the Relief an Annuity Board to build up an annuity on which the minister and his family may live after he retires.

In South Carolina the State Convention has adopted a plan which involves the co-operation of the minister, the church and the denomination on a basis of three percent of the pastor's salary paid by the church and two percent additional to be paid by the State Convention.

These contributions combined will produce worthy annuities to every minister who participates, even those who are already in their fifties and sixties.

The appeal which the Board has made in behalf of this great group of ministers should have been more effective than it has been. The gifts of Southern Baptists for this relief work are less than two percent per member per year. Can we say we are doing our best? Yet with these meager gifts the Board has been able to help in a wonderful way. May we as an Association and individuals, by the help of God resolve to do more for this cause than we have.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. CALDWELL

F. G. Womack moved the adoption of this report.

Bro. Caldwell spoke to his report, also Bro. Hatfield.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital, at Winston-Salem, N. C., was established 15 years ago for the purpose of caring for the sick of the entire State who needed hospital treatment specially those who are unable to pay. Up to Sept. 1, 1938 over 41,000 patients had been treated.

The Hospital has a staff of 70 medical and surgical doctors, a Specialist for every particular case is subject to call any time, day or night, in many cases without money and without price.

There are 91 nurses, besides an adequate number of special graduate nurses at the service of the patients at all times. These go about their tasks cheerfully. The suprintendents, doctors, nurses and office force compose one big family, who work together for the comfort and cure

of the sick.

The Hospital has to depend largely on the Mother's Day Offerings by Churches and Sunday Schools to provide treatment for the large number of service cases. Four per cent is received from the total contributions to the Co-Operative Program of the State Baptist Convention, which goes to liquidate construction bonds and is not used for Hospital expenses.

In 1937, 4056 patients entered the Hospital from almost all Counties of the State, representing all or no religious donomination.

Ministers of the different Churches visit the Hospital daily. Almost all the doctors and nurses and all the officials are active church workers. Religious services are held each morning—earnest prayers being offered for the sick and for their loved ones at home.

The need for more rooms, for beds and other facilities, is creating a serious problem and becoming most trying on those who must turn many away, who are sick or injured.

We appeal to the Baptists of the South Fork Association to increase the Mother's Day Offering and ask for special gifts from those interested in this great cause, which occupied so large a place in the ministry of Jesus and His Apostles. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Matthew 4:23.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. W. BOWLES.

L. R. Williams moved that we accept Mrs. Bowles' report.

Mrs. Bowles spoke to her report.

Address—Smith Hagaman, Superintendent of the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C., who emphasized the necessity of loving and doing something for those in need.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is a mighty task, including the home, Sunday School, B. T. U., and Christian schools and colleges.

Christian Education is that type of education and training which puts Christ and His teachings in the heart of its endeavors.

Our report this afternoon is necessarily limited to the Christian schools; that is, to the schools with a definite Christian aim and purpose and in whose curriculum the Bible has first place.

First—Southern Baptist Schools—In three Seminaries and one W. M. U. Training School, with property and endowment estimated at $7,631,262.91, we had an enrollment last year of 1400 students under a faculty of 57 members.

There are 26 Senior Colleges valued at $41,073,816.58, having enrolled 14,848 students under a faculty of 990. There were 1,153 ministerial and 309 volunteers among the students.

In 19 Junior Colleges evaluated at $8,401,390.48, there were 5,083 enrolled, 222 of which are ministerial and 144 volunteers, under a regular faculty of 433.

There are 10 Academies with $1,778,879.96 of property and endowment, having last year an enrollment of 1,317—61 of which are ministerial

and 34 volunteers—under a faculty of 144.

In summary, there are 59 schools having property and endowment estimated at $55,855,349.83, with an enrollment of 22,648—2,232 of which are ministerial and 539 volunteers, under a faculty of 1,594 members.

Second—North Carolina Baptist Schools: There are two Senior Colleges, Wake Forest and Meredith; three Junior, Campbell, Chowan, and Mars Hill; and two other Junior Colleges, Wingate and Boiling Springs, which are Baptist but do not belong to the Convention.

The property and endowment of these schools is estimated at $6,235,-108.05. There were 3,460 enrolled of which 174 are ministerial and 86 volunteer students, with a faculty of 228 members.

There are 25 students from our association in the Baptist Schools and about 65 in other schools and colleges.

Our schools are one our greatest assets. Let's make them Christian and stand with them.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN E. CARTER.

E. F. Sullivan moved the report's adoption, and Bro. Carter yielded his time to speak to the report to the visiting speaker.

After the hymn, "In the Cross", E. F. Sullivan introduced Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, Pres. of Mars Hill College, who gave an address on the subject—"My College and I, What Are We For?".

Bro. J. A. McKaughen spoke a word in behalf of Meredith College.

The reports on the Co-Operative Program were adopted.

After a hymn, Miss Mary Nell Hardin, accompanied by Mrs. E. F. Hardin, sang "Teach Me to Pray".

R. K. Redwine introduced Dr. Ralph A. Herring, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., who brought the message of the afternoon—"A Spiritual Awakening", based on Ephs. 5:14.

Bro. Hatfield urged that all attend the remaining sessions because of the rare privilege of hearing such speakers as Dr. Luther Little and I. G. Greer.

After the hymn—"Blessed Jesus", Dr. Herring led in prayer, and the Association adjourned for the afternoon at 4:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION

The Association reconvened at 7:05 P. M., and sang "We Praise Thee O God" and "Throw Out the Life Line". Bro. L. A. McClure led in prayer.

Bro. Paul K. Drum led the worship, based on John 1:40-42.

The quartett from the First Church, Hickory—F. R. McClain, B. K. Dellinger, Hendly Ellington, A. A. Yount, accompanied by Mrs. Vena Little Goode—sang "At Eventide" (Towner).

In the absence of Miss Eulalia McClure, L. A. McClure read the report on B. T. U. and W. E. Garrison spoke to the report.

ASSOCIATIONAL B. T. U. REPORT

The Baptist Young People's Union of North Carolina was organized in 1909. The first State Convention was held in Durham in 1910. Ten unions were represented in this meeting. The Convention held in 1925 was attended by more than 1,600 representatives. You can see by this that we are growing, but the need today is greater than ever; and the call for trained workers is stronger than ever before. All of our churches need more workers, consecrated trained workers. B. T. U. is seeking to enlist and train all of our folk, not just the young people, to meet this need.

B. T. U. is the training agency of the Baptist denomination, its object being to increase spiritually, and to train Christians to be of more help and service in His kingdom. In our South Fork Association there are 7,342 Baptist folk that need training. Some of our people are in training, but there are still large numbers who are not yet enlisted. More than half of our forty-one churches have not been reached by our training organization, but let's not give up. Let us resolve to work just a bit harder this next year than we have the one just closing. Many of our goals for the past year were not reached, but we have much to be thankful for. The prospects and opportunities are greater than ever before. Thus may we accept the challenge as it comes and strive to reach and enlist all of our churches for His glory.

We recommend that all of our churches try to enlist each member in this great program of training in Kingdom work. First for the Master's glory, then for the help and joy it gives the individual. We all want to hear the Master say, "Well done", and unless we train we will not know how to do the task well.

Even though we are far better organized and have more of our folk enlisted in training for Kingdom work in the South Fork Association than some of the other Associations, we are ashamed when we start checking up, and really find we have done so little when the need is so great. As we enter a new year may we resolve to each do our best to train for greater service, and to carry on in a more glorious way the Great Unfinished Task That Our God Has Left In Our Hands.

Respectfully submitted,
EULALIA McCLURE.

Bro. Garrison moved the report's adoption—the motion carried.

G. C. Hewitt presented the following report:

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Closing one of the most successful years in Sunday School work, many of the Churches have enlarged their buildings, built class rooms, a number of Study Courses have been put on, and one of the most successful

Sunday School Revivals was put on July 10-17 in 25 Churches; Bro. L. L. Morgan, with the best group of workers, in 25 communities were found 9,400 possibilities, 2,700 unsaved, 71 new classes, but in most of the Churches that put this Revival on had not enough rooms to add new classes.

Twelve monthly meetings held this year; during 6 years 70 meetings held, 2 called off, present at 71; late at one meeting; meetings all started and closed on time—this causes success.

Out of 40 Sunday Schools, 5 attended no meetings this year; 10 mailed in no reports; last year 15 mailed in no reports and 6 attended no meetings.

Expenses for the year—$22.35. Collected—$23.05. Balance—$ .70.

11 to 21 churches, 3 to 9 pastors, 7 to 11 superintendents, and 9 to 41 teachers represented at meetings this year. 1,460 attended the 12 meetings; average attendance, 122.

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". He also said to begin this work in Jerusalem, which means our local community. Both in precept and example **Jesus told us to go after lost people** in the fields closest at hand. In his own home town, Capernaum, Jesus went after the people on the streets, in their homes, and by the seaside. Take this statement to heart and ponder it prayerfully.

Respectfully,
G. C. HEWITT.

R. K. Redwine made the following report:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The greatest volunteer army in the world today is not armed with instruments of death and destruction, nor are they following military leaders or political dictators. The greatest volunteer army of all times is the army of Sunday school teachers, armed with the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, following the lead of King Immanuel. This army has set itself to the task of saving life, not destroying it.

Many of us have long recognized the importance of the volunteer teacher, teaching the Word of God to volunteer pupils in a spiritual atmosphere on the Lord's Day. We have declared it to be of inestimable value because we have seen it lead to the saving of many.

Sunday Schools are coming to be recognized more widely as important saving agencies that do far more than fit people for an abode beyond this world. From unexpected sources come testimonies to the value of Sunday Schools in saving from crime and shame and fitting for greatest usefulness.

A New York judge before whom 4000 boys had been tried in the course of 22 years, said only three of them were pupils in Sunday School.

Another judge said thousands of divorce cases came before him over a long period of years, but he testifies that in no case were both parties regular attendants at Sunday School or Church and rarely was either a regular attendant. Unlimited testimonies can be produced to prove that Sunday Schools are greater deterrents of crime than courts and police forces.

Need for Advances

Notwithstanding the importance of Sunday Schools, some stubborn and disturbing facts face us:

1. Fully 60% of the Church members are not enrolled in Sunday

Schools.

2. There are three persons unreached by the Sunday schools for every one enrolled.

3. For every person attending on any Sunday there are five or six outside.

4. All Sunday schools are growing at the rate of less than 200,000 per year, while the population is growing at the rate of about 500,000 per year.

What Can We Do About It?

There are no magic tricks about building Sunday schools. Good schools can be built anywhere. It takes the same sort of work everywhere.

1. Find Them—by a Religious Survey.
2. Bring Them—by visitation.
3. Provide for Them—by proper equipment.
4. Teach Them—with trained and consecrated teachers.
5. Enroll the babies in the Nursery Department.
6. Organize or extend the Extension Department.
7. **Enroll the 2,500,000 unenrolled Southern Baptist Church members. About 4,000 of these are in the South Fork Association. If we fail to enlist our Church members, what about the others?**

RICHARD K. REDWINE.

Bro. Redwine moved the report's adoption and also spoke to the report.

The Hickory First Church quartette sang "Where Will You Spend Eternity?"

Dr. Redwine introduced Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lane, guest speakers of the evening, who spoke on the subject "Evangelism in the Sunday School".

The report was adopted.

E. F. Sullivan, Chm. of the Promotion Committee, gave the following report:

REPORT OF PROMOTION COMMITTEE

The Promotion Committee held an important meeting early in September of this year at which time mission goals were set for the churches. Brother Perry Crouch spoke and also showed pictures of our work at home and abroad.

We are now holding fellowship meetings in Hickory under the leadership of Walter N. Johnson. From these meetings we are hoping many other such meetings will be held in our churches. These meetings should deepen our sense of Stewardship.

We rejoice in our increase in gifts to missions this year. Our earnest desire is that **every Church shall give something**, and that we enlist more and more of our people in the great cause of spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

We also wish to commend and encourage the idea of a great South-wide Revival among Southern Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

Bro. Sullivan spoke to the report, after which the report was adopted.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books and investigate the securities in the investment fund, report that we have carefully checked all receipts and disbursements, and find them to be correct. We find the investments amply and, in our opinion, properly secured.

We commend the Treasurer on his careful and faithful handling of the finances of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. ROACH
F. G. WOMACK
S. M. STROUP.

R. K. Redwine moved the report's adoption—motion carried.

Bro. Jones made announcements regarding the entertainment for those spending the night.

The quartette sang "I Want to be True Every Day" (Gabriel).

After a prayer led by S. M. Stroup, Pastor, for Jack Keller, who is ill, the Association adjourned for the evening at 9:00 P. M.

SECOND DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1938

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 9:25 A. M. on its second and last day of the 1938 session. Following the hymns "I Am Thine O Lord" and "How Tedious and Tasteless", led by Mrs. Frans, S. M. Stroup led in worship, based on Hab. 2:3.

After prayer, led by Hoyle Love, the Association sang "To the Work".

Dr. W. R. Bradshaw made the following report:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Those who led in the campaign for August 6th are worthy of the highest commendation. I would like to name them all, but it would make this report too long.

Now, as the minds of the people all over the Association are keenly agitated over the evil of liquor, there can be no better time for the delegates to consider the objectives toward which we should work.

The first objective is education. The victory of the sixth was glorious. The educational work that was done during the recent months by the South Fork Association was chiefly responsible for our victory. This work of education of our people must be carried on vigorously through the years, if we wish to hold what we have, and gain greater victories in the future.

Our second objective is that we must work for the salvation of souls.

While legislation is desirable to prohibit selfish persons from making profits through the destruction of their fellowmen, and while education is helpful in teaching people the harmful effects of strong drink, yet the most effective results can be obtained through the salvation of souls. If a person be filled with the Spirit of Christ, he will neither injure himself and his influence by drinking, nor will be make or sell or vote for stuff that will injure and destroy his fellowmen.

Thirdly, we should see that a committee is appointed in each community to cooperate with the public schools in seeing that the text book "Alcohol and Other Habit Forming Drugs" is effectively taught in every sixth grade, in accordance with the requirements of our laws.

Our fourth objective should be to see that the drys emphasize the necessity of strict enforcement of the law against the liquor traffic. Sentiment became strong in this country for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment because the prohibition law was not enforced. And it was not enforced because the dry forces did not keep up the fight. The drys went to sleep and permitted the wets to get control of the law enforcement machinery in a vast majority of the states and in the Federal Government. The wets said, "Prohibition cannot be enforced". The truth was, a majority of our officers would not enforce it because they were not in sympathy with the law.

Our fifth objective is to see that the Gallon law is repealed by the next legislature, and then to help, and not handicap, those officers who are trying to enforce the liquor laws.

Sixthly, we should continually work for a State Referendum and thus allow the people of the state to drive out every place where liquor is now legally sold in the Eastern wet counties.

Our seventh objective is to create public sentiment so strong as to compel all local officers to break up every place in a dry county where liquor is sold.

Our eighth objective is not to vote for men who are wet. A wet man is not going to work against liquor. You had just as well look for figs on a thistle as to expect wet men to enforce dry laws.

Our last objective must be that the Association go on record as cooperating whole-heartedly in the plan proposed in Catawba County to set up a Law Enforcement Commission, to assist in the enforcement of our laws.

Now, if we will continuously, enthusiastically, and successfully work towards these objectives, we are not likely to be called upon to go through another liquor campaign, but if we do not, we may expect, in three years, to have another hot campaign, and I would fear for the results.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. BRADSHAW.

J. W. Bowles moved the report's adoption, after which Dr. Bradshow spoke to his report.

E. F. Sullivan read a letter from Cale K. Burgess and made a motion that the Association give an offering to the Dry Cause, the same to be sent to Mr. Burgess. The motion carried—the offering amounted to $23.38.

The report was adopted.

L. R. Williams led in a memorial service for the deceased as listed below:

LIST OF DECEASED

FROM—

AMITY—J. M. J. Ballard, F. E. Loftin, Mrs. G. F. Williams.

BOGER CITY—Miss Mattie Bumgarner.

BROOKFORD—J. M. Newton, Mrs. Mary Ann Pruitt.

BROWN MEMORIAL—Miss Belle Livingston.

CATAWBA—Miss L. A. Setzer, Carlos Brown, Miss Martha Danner.

CEDAR GROVE—A. P. Mitchell.

CORINTH—Mrs. Luther Dagenhardt, J. W. Bowman, Mrs. M. Sigmon.

HICKORY FIRST CHURCH—Deacon J. F. Click, Deacon J. R. Hosley.

WEST HICKORY—C. T. Bostian, J. Lee Brown, H. H. Burch, Mrs. Belle Norwood, Mrs. W. T. Barkley.

HIGHLAND—Mrs. Perry Price, Mrs. Mack Hefner.

LAWINGS CHAPEL—T. L. Bumgarner.

LINCOLN AVENUE—Rev. J. H. Phillips.

LINCOLN FIRST—Z. W. Farris.

LONG SHOALS—Mrs. E. S. Rash.

MACEDONIA—J. P. Painter.

MAIDEN FIRST—Mrs. Joe Whitener, O. N. Heffner.

EAST MAIDEN—Mrs. Annie Gosnell.

MT. RUHAMA—Howard Blalock, John P. Caldwell.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Ann Bradshaw, Mrs. Julia Sadler, Mrs. A. C. Parker, Mrs. Pennina McAlister, E. P. Cloninger.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—Dorus Hicks.

OLIVET—Miss Nell Panter, Mrs. W. G. Alexander, P. C. Gilleland, Miss Virginia Fisher.

PENELOPE—Mrs. Carrie Cook, Mrs. Forrest Talent, Mrs. Odias Mace, Mrs. R. L. Chester, Mrs. Marley Lael, John Harney.

RIVER VIEW—Mrs. M. C. Newton, C. D. Kale.

SHARON—J. A. Pierce.

SOUTHSIDE—E. C. Huss.

WARLICKS—R. S. Icard.

After the hymn, "The Sweet By and By", E. J. Harrell led in prayer.

E. F. Sullivan gave the following report:

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Baptisms this year—590, a gain of 278 over last year. The total church membership is 7,815, a net increase of 451.

The Sunday school enrollment is 8,550, which is a gain of 1,230. B. T. U. enrollment has increased 456. The present enrollment is 1,529. Enrollment in W. M. U. organizations shows an increase in enrollment of 289. The present enrollment is 1,364.

Gifts to local work amounted to $65,799.79, which is an increase of $4,339.52.

The total gifts to missions and benevolences show an increase of $708.97. The amount is $15,747.05.

$3,165.78 was given to the Orphanage, this is a decrease of $414.72.

20 churches reported W. M. U. organizations, and 20 reported B. T. U's. Three gave nothing to missions. Five churches gave nothing to the Orphanage, while seven churches reported no baptisms.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN
L. M. KANIPE
MORRIS BAKER.

Hoyle Love moved the report's adoption—motion carried.

The Association sang, "How Firm A Foundation".

Bro. E. J. Harrell volunteered his service to supply in the Association when needed.

The Co-Operative Program—Missions—was presented as follows:

(1) Home Missions—Chas. G. Ellis:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The welfare of all missions greatly depends upon the work of our Home Mission Board. From our Home Mission Board comes the Christian life of all of our great work. Home Missions is the fountain head of all mission work. There is the place where all Christians are trained for mission work, whether at home or in the foreign fields. The purpose of this Board is to win the lost and to enlist and train the saved. To lead the soul to Christ and then train the life for Christ.

Is is impossible to give the details of all the work of the Home Mission Board; we want to name some of its outstanding achievements that make it one of the most efficient agencies of America.

The Home Mission Board is the base of supply for Foreign Missions, both in men and money. Converts must be won and then trained before they can go to the foreign fields, and then we must support them while they are there.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is lifting up Christ among the Indians, the Foreigners, the Negroes, and the underprivileged in the cities and congested industrial sections, and among the

unreached millions of Cuba and Panama. The Lord has richly blessed our missionaries in every field. We have now 332 missionaries working in 886 mission stations. During the past year 23 new missionaries have been put in the field, 22 mission chapels and pastors, over 776,319 tracts, 34,530 Bibles and portions of the Scriptures distributed. Fifty thousand people have been personally visited and talked to about their souls, 36,-579 sermons and addresses delivered. It has been a glorious year of progress for the Home Mission Board.

The Bottoms Trust has given new life to our Home Mission work. All along the Rio Grande in Texas, up into New Mexico, throughout Louisiana, and over the entire field in Cuba there has gone a spiritual wave of hope, joy and determination to carry on the work created by the Bottoms Trust. No one has done more for the progress of the Kingdom in the home land and abroad than Mrs. Ida M. Bottoms, of Texarkana, Arkansas.

From year to year the Woman's Missionary Union has shown increasing interest in Home Missions through their Annie W. Armstrong offerings. Their prayers have encircled the millions of lost souls in the homeland and Cuba. Their gifts have maintained hundreds of missionaries in the field.

Year by year their gifts have increased. In 1936 the Union gave $113,981.15. In 1937 the offerings reached the glorious sum of $130,904.86.

Continued progress, both increased receipts and in payments on the debt is plainly seen in the financial reports. The Board received from all sources in 1937, $508,454.67, an increase of $64,999.40 or 14.6%. The Treasurer's report shows that $145,560.37 was paid on the principal of the debt in 1937. This is the largest amount paid in any year since 1929.

The Board is strictly adhering to a cash basis in all of its operations. This is the fifth year the Board has operated within its budget.

We would commend to our people, Southern Baptist Home Missions, monthly publication of the Home Mission Board, as the most authentic source of all information on Home Mission work, needs and trends today. This magazine has had an increase of nearly 2,000 subscribers a month since it became a monthly publication. This magazine can be had for only twenty-five cents a year.

The missionary task in the homeland is larger and more difficult and more important today than ever before. The work to be done is more vitally related to the whole task of the denomination than it has ever been at any time in our history.

We believe that the only hope for our nation is to make our homeland Christian; we believe also, if we fail our homeland will become pagon and go the way of all nations that forget God.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. G. ELLIS.

Bro. Sullivan moved the report's adoption.

Bro. Ellis spoke to his report, using Psalm 119:8.

(2) State Missions—E. F. Sullivan:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

For more than a hundred years North Carolina Baptists have sought to win lost people to Christ within their borders. For more than a quarter of a century the State Mission Board has been emphasizing the training and development of those who have joined the churches. No one can

begin to estimate the good accomplished by State Missions in years gone by.

Today the State Mission Board is advancing the cause of Christ through eight different channels:

1. Pastoral Assistance: Most of our strong churches were once weak, and many of them received assistance from State Missions. This phase of work still holds a big place in our efforts. Last year 71 pastors and 145 churches received aid.

2. Teaching and Training: Through the development of good Sunday schools and B. T. U.'s we seek to conserve the work of evangelism.

3. Church Building: Limited aid is given to help establish church buildings in strategic centers and especially near our big schools.

4. Indians: We have one missionary and his wife working among the Croatan Indians of Robeson County.

5. Negroes: We are aiding in the support of two negro brethren, W. C. Somerville and D. C. Clanton. These are doing a notable work, the first as General Secretary and the second as Sunday School Secretary of the Negro Baptist Convention.

6. Work Among College Students: State Missions provides a few whole or part-time student secretaries in our educational centers.

7. Hospitals and Sanitoriums: We seek to minister to the sick in body and soul at the following institutions: Oteen; Western State Sanitorium, at Black Mountain; State Sanitorium; and Samarcand, near Aberdeen.

8. General Missionaries: M. O. Alexander and J. C. Pipes are continuously going over the state, planting the deeper meaning of Stewardship among the churches. The demand for their services is beyond the ability of two men to supply.

General Secretary, M. A. Huggins, is recognized as a Christian Statesman who under God is seeking to lead North Carolina Baptists in building a great Christian state. With a strong home base, he hopes to make it possible for us to carry on for God in a greater way to the ends of the earth.

Two other items should claim our attention. First is the need of a ministry among our prison population. Hundreds of prisoners are released every year with no Christian sympathy and guidance to help them fit back into society. Second is the call for a South-wide Revival which our Southern Baptist Convention is promoting among our churches.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That a committee on evangelism be appointed with instructions to make a survey of the evangelistic needs of this Association.

2. That this committee plan for an Associational Evangelistic Rally early in 1939, for prayer, preaching, and promotion of the revival spirit.

3. That more prayer and effort be made by our people for winning the lost to Christ, and that evangelistic meetings be held in every church and in every neighborhood of our Association, with stress on upright living and personal soul-winning.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

R. G. Mace moved the report's adoption.

Bro. Sullivan spoke to his report.

(3) Foreign Missions—W. C. Reed:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

When Jesus Christ was here in the flesh, He inaugurated **One Great Program.** This program had for its object the spread of the Gospel to **All Men** everywhere. To the accomplishment of this great mission, He had called and commanded every follower of His to dedicate himself. For convenience in our thinking, we subdivide the program of the Master into several separate divisions. The one upon which I am to report is known as Foreign Missions. This simply means carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ to persons beyond the borders of our own nation.

This Gospel of Salvation has gradually spread from the time the program was launched by the Savior. In the year 1793, William Carey conceived the idea of carrying this glorious message to the people of the Orient where the name of Jesus had not been heard. He, therefore, became the first Christian Missionary to India, and is known as the Father of Foreign Missions. The American Baptist work in Foreign Fields was begun by Adoniram Judson. He started to the foreign fields as a representative of the Congregationalist Church, but on his way over was converted to the Baptist faith. From 1812 to 1845 he preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Burma, India, as a Baptist Missionary.

To facilitate the handling of mission funds and the direction of mission work in the foreign fields, the Southern Baptist Convention formed what is known as the Foreign Mission Board in the year 1845. This Board is a committee of the Southern Baptist Convention with headquarters in Richmond, Va. At present the Executive Secretary is our own beloved North Carolinian, Dr. Chas. E. Maddry.

From meagre beginnings our foreign mission work has grown until now we have missionaries in sixteen different fields. The work in these fields was begun in the following order: South China, Central China, North China, Interior China, and Pakhoi, China; Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, Argentina, Chili, Hungary, Jugo Slavia, Roumania, and Spain. In all these fields combined we have nearly four hundred missionaries. If these should carry the Gospel to all the people who should hear it, each would have to contact about thirty times as many people as live in the City of Charlotte.

The general unrest that prevails throughout the Orient has made the past year a most difficult one for our Foreign Mission Work. Much of our property in China has been greatly damaged and is now in the hands of the Japanese Miltary Authorities, and our missionaries are not even allowed to inspect it to ascertain the extent of damage done. When the war finally ends it will certainly require several million dollars to repair our property and put it in usable condition. This looks rather discouraging when our total income from all sources for Foreign Missions last year was only a little more than one million dollars. Truly the task before us is great, but we have a **Great Savior** who will help us to surmount all difficulties of we bu tfollow His leadership and seek to do His Will.

On the first of January, 1938, a new Foreign Mission magazine, **"The Commission"**, was started. This is a monthly magazine which sells for 50c per year. It should prove to be a very effective method for spreading information concerning Foreign Mission Work.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. REED.

Bro. E. J. Harrell moved the report's adoption, and Bro. Reid spoke to the report.

After the hymn, "Blessed Assurances", M. O. Alexander, General

Missionary, Baptist State Convention, brought the message of the morning—"The Great Commission"—using as a basis, Luke 4:18.

After the hymn, "My Jesus I Love Thee", P. K. Drum led the closing prayer and the Association adjourned at 12:25 for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reconvened at 1:25 P. M. After the hymn, "Simply Trusting", A. M. Kazar led in prayer.

W. C. Laney, of Brookford, led the worship, based on Psalm 85:6, after which Miss Mary Nell Hardin, accompanied by Mrs. E. F. Hardin, sang—"Holy Spirit Breathe On Me".

Dr. W. R. Bradshaw introduced Dr. Luther Little, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., who spoke from Matt. 17, using as his subject—"A Spiritual Revival".

Dr. Little led in prayer, after which the Association sang, "O How I Love Jesus".

The following reports were made:

(1) "Committee on Credentials" made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Your Committee on Credentials received notice that on Sept. 12, 1938, Elm Grove Baptist Church was organized. We recommend that the Association assure this new church of our sympathetic and prayerful interest in their undertaking, and that we receive said church under the watchful care of the Association for one year, and we express a hope that the church can come to the Association next year with a report of a good year's work that shows a spirit of full cooperation and good fellowship in the work of the Kingdom.

We further suggest to the church that it send a regular letter to the Association, elect delegates and send with their letter a copy of their Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD K. REDWINE
J. W. BOWLES
RICHARD G. MACE.

R. K. Redwine moved the report's adoption—motion carried.

(2) "The Co-Operative Program" was presented by E. F. Sullivan:

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program continues to grow in favor with Southern Baptists. Wherever it is put on intelligently and sympathetically people

respond gladly. There are several reasons for this:

Some Excellences

The Cooperative Program is a business-like way of doing business for the Lord; it seeks to provide means for carrying on all work of our Lord; it distributes the money to **each** denominational cause in proportion to its relative needs; it seeks to enlist all our members in all our work.

How It Works

Both state-wide and south-wide objects are included in the Cooperative Program. The State Conventions decide what state objects are to be included and the percentages of distribution; the Southern Baptist Convention decides as to southwide causes.

North Carolina objects include in the Cooperative Program and the percentages of distribution are as follows: State Missions, 13%; Christian Education (largely for debts), 42%; Hospital, 4%; Ministerial Education, 1%; Total in the State 60%; to out of state objects, 40%; Grand Total, 100%.

The **distributable money for South-wide** objects is divided as follows: Foreign Missions, 50%; Home Missions, 23 1-3%; Relief and Annuity Board, 10 1-3%; Southern Baptist Seminary, 4 1-5%; Southwestern Baptist Seminary, 4 1-5%; Baptist Bible Institute, 3 9-10%; W. M. U. Training School, 8-15%; American Baptist Seminary, 1%; New Orleans Hospital, 2 1-2%; Total 100%.

The Cooperative receipts in the churches are sent direct to General Secretary and Treasurer, M. A. Huggins, Raleigh, and are there divided between State and South-wide causes.

Points of Emphasis

1. It should be strongly emphasized that the Cooperative Program is to be cooperative in fact as well as name. All agencies, all churches, all organizations and all members should work together in putting on the program.

2. We should make it very clear that we give **through** the Cooperative Program and not **to** it.

3. We should study and teach and preach and practice stewardship with the tithe as the minimum of Christian giving. We are in business with the Lord and for the Lord.

4. We must never separate stewardship and evangelism. The ultimate purpose of both is to glorify Christ and win the lost. No stewardship is sane and scriptural that does not look to evangelism, and no evangelism is complete or adequate that does not lead to stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

Hoyle Love moved the adoption of this report—motion carried.

(3) "The Hundred-Thousand Club" was presented by R. K. Redwine:

REPORT ON BAPTIST HUNDRED-THOUSAND CLUB

What the Club Has Done

Up to May 1, 1938, the sum of $843,051.17 had been received in the Nashville office from this Club, and every penny of it has been paid upon the principal of the debts of the Southwide agencies. $33,107.60 came

from North Carolina. (Since the division of Club receipts beginning July, 1937, $7,384. 73 has been kept in the state.

The Southwide agencies have received (May 1, 1938) the following amounts from the Baptist Hundred-Thousand Club: Foreign Mission Board, $215,312.73; Home Mission Board, $204,650.09; National Baptist Memorial, $7,855.83; New Orleans Hospital, $16,206.97; Education Board, $42,190.22; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, $142,818.73; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, $128,536.92; Baptist Bible Institute, $84,229.94; American Baptist Theological Seminary, $1,249.74; Total, $843,051.17.

The Baptist Hundred-Thousand Club has done more than pay nearly a million dollars upon denominational debts. (1) It has stopped over $50,000 in annual interest; this would pay the salaries of some sixty-five foreign missionaries. (2) It has strengthened the morale of our people. They are singing the songs of victory now instead of a dirge of despair. "We are getting out of debt, and we are going to keep out of debt". (3) It has re-established our credit. Before this Club was started some of our paper was selling for twenty cents on the dollar, now it brings 100 cents. Our creditors are saying: "You can trust Southern Baptists, they will pay ther debts." (4) It has encouraged all our agencies, helped all our causes and led in reducing our Southwide debts from six million dollars to less than three and one-half ($3,465,274.06 as of May 1, 1938).

The Club deserves the hearty support of all our people. We want our state and all our associations and churches to have a part in this good work.

Recommendations

1. That this Association give its hearty endorsement to the Baptist Hundred-Thousand Club.

2. That every pastor and church be urged to put on the Baptist Hundred-Thousand Club.

3. That every church adopt a Baptist Hundred-Thousand Club membership goal and work for new members from time to time.

W. C. Reed moved the adoption of this report—motion carried.

The Association sang—"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us".

(4) "The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina" was presented by T. P. Pruitt, Trustee, South Fork Representative—the report being read by Hoyle Love:

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Orphanage has had another year of blessing. God has showered the institution with His blessings and North Carolina Baptists have not forgotten their little ones.

The work goes on. Under the inspired leadership of Dr. Grier and his co-laborers, our dependent children have reached another milestone in their lives, showing improvement in body, mind and spirit. We are often asked why can't you take more children. We are always crowded, and the reason we can't enlarge is because we do not have the money. Only about one Sunday school in seven makes a regular monthly contribution to the Orphanage, and a large number of our churches forget to take and send in a Thanksgiving offering. It might be interesting to you to know that only about 71% of the income of the orphanage comes from North Carolina Baptists. The remainder of the income comes from the Invest-

ment funds; the Duke Endowment, General Contributions, Productive enterprises and the School aid we receive from the State.

Orphanage reports in the past have recorded the historical facts of our institution; our representatives have annually told you of the kind and character of service your institution is rendering the unfortunate children committed to our care.

Our institution is trying to place primary emphasis upon the **Child**. We are trying to be Mother-Father-Family, all to the little one—what a responsibility. We could not go forward without the love and prayers and gifts of our great Baptist hosts. We be-speak your continued loyalty. The Duke Endowment just a few days ago said this about your institution:

> The Baptist Orphanage is the largest institution for the care of children in the Carolinas in the point of numbers, and its administrative officers have long been the leaders in progressive thought in the field of child care in this region.

We consider this a real tribute to the work North Carolina Baptists have been doing for our little ones.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. P. PRUITT.

Bro. Love moved that the report be adopted—motion carried.

I. G. Greer, General Superintendent, Baptist Orphanage, North Carolina, was introduced and spoke, using as a subject—"He Went About Doing Good", based on Acts 10:38.

(5) The Resolutions Committee made the following report:

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, in many respects the past year of the South Fork Association has been outstanding in its achievements, and

Whereas, the year has culminated in one of the greatest and most inspiring annual meetings ever held by this body, therefore be it resolved:

(1) That the messengers of this Association express their deepest appreciation to our constituency for the noble fight made against legalizing the liquor traffic in Catawba County this year, and for the glorious victory which they helped to win over the forces seeking to place ABC stores in our midst.

(2) That we express our unfaltering faith in and appreciation for the Moderator and other officers of this Association who have taken the lead in bringing about the great achievements of the past year.

(3) That we gratefully acknowledge the fine service rendered by Mrs. L. P. Franz in directing the wholesome and inspiring music that we have had during these services.

(4) That we express our appreciation to everyone who has taken part on the program during this meeting.

(5) That this body express to the Pastor and members of the Boger City Baptist Church our hearty thanks and profound gratitude for the cordial welcome and the splendid entertainment we have received here, and for the delicious food that they have so abundantly provided for our nourishment.

J. W. Bowles moved that the Resolutions be accepted—motion carried.

(6) R. K. Redwine presented the following Amendment to the Constitution, which Amendment was drawn up by T. P. Pruitt:

Be it resolved by the South Fork Association in annual meeting assembled at Boger City Baptist Church at the Session of October 6th and 7th, 1938, that the Constitution of the Association be amended as follows:

That Section 4 be amended to read as follows:

"The officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Representative of Baptist Hospital and Representative of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, all of whom shall be elected on the closing day of each annual session and shall serve through the next annual meeting. The Association shall also elect annually the following officers of the South Fork Sunday School Convention: namely, a Superintendent, and Secretary-Treasurer; and said Association shall ratify or confirm the selection of the following Associational officers: Superintendent of the W. M. U., and the Director of the B. T. U."

THOS. P. PRUITT.

The Amendment was adopted.

E. F. Sullivan recommended that there be created an Evangelistic Committee, also he suggested O. S. Ulmer to be Chairman of said Committee. The recommendation was adopted.

Hoyle Love moved that the Biblical Recorder Club and all matters relative thereto be referred to the Executive Committee—motion carried.

L. L. Hatfield presented the following names as nominees for Standing Committee to serve during the coming year:

1—Program	F. G. Womack, C. G. Ellis, W. R. Bradshaw
2—To nominate three members to the Executive Committee—	W. W. Marr, L. M. Kanipe, L. R. Williams
3—Religious Literature	E. J. Harrell
4—Memorials	R. G. Mace
5—Baptist Orphanage of N. C.	E. F. Hardin
6—Christian Education	R. K. Redwine
7—Temperance and Public Morals	E. F. Sullivan
8—W. M. U.	Mrs. R. H. Bowles
9—Bible School	C. H. Henderson
10—State Missions	W. C. Laney, Brookford
11—Home Missions	Hoyle Love
12—Foreign Missions	Morris Baker
13—Baptist Hospitals	H. B. Jones
14—B. T. U.	A. A. Buchannan

The above nominees were elected to serve on their respective committee.

Bro. W. C. Reed was asked to preside during the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Moderator ..... L. L. Hatfield
Vice-Moderator ..... E. F. Hardin
Clerk ..... M. S. Brittain
Treasurer ..... J. Y. Killian
Superintendent of Sunday School Convention ..... G. C. Hewitt
Chairman of Promotion Committee ..... E. F. Sullivan
Associate Chairman of Promotion Committee ..... R. K. Redwine
Superintendent of B. T. U. ..... Eizabeth Campbell
Superintendent of W. M. U. ..... Mrs. R. H. Bowles
Secretary and Treasurer of Sunday School Convention—
(R. K. Redwine moved that this be referred to the Executive Committee — motion carried.)

Representatives:
Hospital ..... Mrs. J. W. Bowles
Orphanage ..... T. P. Pruitt
Biblical Recorder ..... G. S. Whisnant

R. K. Redwine moved that the Association give a rising vote of thanks to the Clerk and his assistant—motion carried.

W. C. Reed suggested that the matter of a permanent Assistant Clerk be referred to the Executive Committee. Without a vote the Moderator ruled the suggestion accepted.

Moderator Hatfield requested all the pastors to stand at the front of the rostrum; and while the Association sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", Bro. Hatfield shook hands with the pastors as a token of cooperation.

Bro. H. B. Jones led in prayer and the Association adjourned, thus ending its 60th Annual Session at 5:25 P. M., October 7, 1938.

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Spring Session of South Fork Association

The South Fork Baptist Association met for its Seventh Annual Spring Session with First Baptist Church, Maiden, N. C., Monday, April 18, 1938.

Moderator L. L. Hatfield, presiding, and J. W. Williams, of Maiden, and Rector Robbins, of Harris, N. C., in charge of singing.

Purpose: Fellowship and Inspiration.

MORNING SESSION

THEME:—*Evangelism*

Worship in Song—"Help Somebody To-Day", "I Need Thee Every Hour", "Throw Out the Life Line"

Prayer ..... W. R. Bradshaw
Duet ..... Geraldine Thompson, Johnsie Cash

Roll Call of Churches—29 churches present, represented with 194 messengers, 6 visitors, 21 of which are ministers.

Message—"Preparation for Soul Winning" ..... L. R. Williams
(Based on Acts 1:9 and Acts 2:41, 42)
Song ..... "Rescue the Perishing"
Message—"Jesus as a Personal Soul Winner" ..... E. F. Hardin
(Based on Luke 19:10 and John 3:16)
Solo ..... Miss Ruby Lineberger
Worship with Offering ..... C. G. Ellis in Charge
Prayer—E. F. Hardin
Offering—$9.58

Solo ..... Mrs. L. P. Frans
Song ..... "Bringing in the Sheaves"
Message—"The Church Evangelizing" ..... R. K. Redwine
Prayer—Dr. Redwine. Adjourn.

AFTERNOON SESSION
THEME:—*Teaching*

Songs—"We're Marching to Zion", "Amazing Grace", "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Prayer ..... P. K. Drum
Song ..... "Tell It to Jesus"
Message—"The Obligation of Teaching" ..... L. A. McLure
(Matthew 28:16-20)
Duet ..... Bertie and Ruby Caldwell
Song ..... "In the Highways"
Message—"With Authority" ..... W. C. Reed
Solo ..... Rector Robbins
Announcements by G. C. Hewitt.

May 5, 1938, 7:30 P. M; Sunday School Revival, July 7-10, 1938
Teaching Program for South Fork Association ..... E. F. Sullivan
A Parting Message ..... S. A. Stroup

Rising vote of thanks extended E. F. Sullivan for splendid work done in connection with Temperance Field Day.

E. F. Sullivan was elected as South Fork Temperance Representative

and Leader.

Resolutions.....Hoyle Love, Chairman
Song....."I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"
Prayer—T. H. Roach. Adjourn.

Visitors named—J. R. Black, Gaston; Mrs. S. M. Stroup, Gaston; Mr. and Mrs. Ostwalt, South Mt.

JOHN E. CARTER, Acting Clerk.

We wish to submit the following resolutions:

1—Thanks to our great Moderator for his accomplished moderating.

2—Thanks to all who have had part on this program to:day. The speeches and singing have been of the highest type.

3—Thanks to this pastor and people for the whole-hearted welcome given us.

4—Thanks especially to those who rendered for us the special selections.

5—Thanks to those who brought the good things to eat, which we had for lunch.

6—Thanks to God for both the temperal and spiritual food which has been ours to-day.

Church Directories

EXHIBIT A — B. T. U. PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	GENERAL DIRECTOR	ADULT PRESIDENT	SENIOR PRESIDENT	INTERMEDIATE LEADER	JUNIOR LEADER
Boger City	Miss Maggie Icard — Boger C'y		Miss Mable Jones — Boger City	Mrs. T. A. Hallman — Boger C'y	Mrs. M. T. Dellinger — Bog'r C'y
Brookford	Mae Bolick — Brookford	Ada Miller — Brookford	Stella Bolick — Brookford	Lillian Pope — Brookford	B. B. Bishop — Brookford
Brown Memorial	Edwin Witherspoon — Hickory	C. O. Ellis — r2 Hickory	Henry Wallace — Brookford	Edith Breedlove — Brookford	Louise Isenhour — Brookford
Catawba	Mrs. Jeter Keith — Catawba		Stella Honeycutt — Hickory	Z. W. Brown — Hickory	Mrs. Carl Suggs — Hickory
Cedar Grove			Mrs. Mabe Abernathy — Cat'w'a	Miss Stella Coulter — Catawba	Miss Frances Wike — Catawba
Gainesville			Charlie Smith — r1 Maiden		H. A. Scronce — r1 Maiden
Hickory First	Cecil W. Broome — Hickory	G. L. Gregg — Hickory	Johnnie Smith — Crouse	Ewlian Anthony — Crouse	
West Hickory	C. G. Riley — Hickory	Mrs. J. T. Gray — Hickory	David Cody — Hickory	Miss Elizabeth Campb'l — Hick'y	Mrs. Eugene Wolfe — Hickory
Highland	C. M. Lowing — Hickory	W. B. Duncan — Hickory	Everette Propst — Hickory	Mrs. W. A. Lutz — Hickory	Mrs. Frank Deal — Hickory
Lawing's Chapel			Miss Mamie Lineberger — Hick'y	John Seitz — Hickory	Mrs. J. C. Bridgeman — Hick'y
Lincoln Avenue	Alvin Saine — Lincolnton		Mrs. J. J. Henry — Lincolnton	Mrs. J. R. Long — Hickory	
Lincolnton First	J. L. Proctor — Lincolnton	Mrs. W. G. Bondy — Lincolnt'n	Belton Beal — Lincolnton	Varshall Lockee — Lincolnton	Margaret Norce — Lincolnton
East Maiden	Miss Ollie Piercy — Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams — Maiden	J. A. Burris — Lincolnton	Mrs. E. F. Hardin — Lincolnton	Mrs. C. L. Knight — Lincolnton
Maiden First	L. T. Wise — Maiden	Mrs. A. C. McMargue — Maid'n	W. L. Setzer — Maiden	Coy Auton — Maiden	Mrs. J. D. Turner — Maiden
Mt. Zion			Miss Madoline Curlee — Maiden	Mrs. Clyde Morris — Maiden	W. C. Laney — Maiden
Mt. Grove	Miss Dorothy Link — Hickory		William Stroup — Alexis	Geneva McLure — Alexis	
Newton First	J. B. Myers — Newton	Miss Jonsie Evans — Newton	Miss Lucile Whitener — Hick'y	Miss Coleen Whitener — Hickory	
Olivet	Fred H. Lytton — Long Island	R. M. Painter — Long Island	Mrs. Sloan Alexander — Long I.	Mrs. V. A. H. Randall — New'n	V. A. H. Randall — r2 Newton
Penelope	G. S. Robinson — Hickory	L. L. Wigh — Hickory	Miss Phoebe Fulbright — Hick'y	Sloan Alexander — Long Island	Miss Etta Bynum — Long I.
River View				J. B. Phillips — Hickory	Mrs. L. L. Digh — Hickory
				Watson Young — Lincolnton	Mrs. Felton Young — Lincolnt'n

EXHIBIT B — W. M. S. AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS

CHURCH	W. M. S. PRESIDENT	Y. W. A. COUNSELOR	G. A. LEADER	R. A. LEADER	SUNBEAM LEADER
Boger City	Mrs. Alice Clanton — Boger C'y	Mrs. M. F. Dellinger — Bog'r C'y	Miss Maggie Icard — Boger C'y		Miss Leila Smith — Boger City
Brookford		Mae Bolick — Brookford	Miss Lela Smith — Boger City		
Brown Memorial	Mrs. A. T. Fox — r2 Hickory	Miss O. A. Teague — Hickory	Mrs. Frank Harris — Hickory	Lee Meadows — r2 Hickory	Mrs. E. A. Teague — Lincolnton
Catawba	Miss Edna Danner — Catawba			L. W. Lee — Catawba	
Corinth	Mrs. C. H. Henderson — Hick'y		Mrs. Eugene Wolfe — Hickory		
Hickory First	Mrs. E. W. Walton — Hickory	Mrs. R. K. Redwine — Hickory	Mrs. T. J. Hudson — Hickory	C. E. LeFone — Hickory	Mrs. Fred Sherrill — Hickory
West Hickory	Mrs. C. L. Abernathy — Hickory	Miss Selma Hicks — Hickory	Miss Selma Hicks — Hickory	Mrs. W. W. Marr — Hickory	Mrs. Frank Deal — Hickory
Highland	Mrs. W. B. Duncan — Hickory	Mrs. E. F. Sullivan — Hickory	Mrs. Everette Guthrie — Hick'y	Miss Mary Summey — Hickory	Mrs. C. W. Lawing — Hickory
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernathy — Lin't'n		Mrs. R. N. Penland — Hickory		
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. S. W. Bennett — Lincolnt'n				
Lincolnton First	Mrs. J. O. Shuford — Lincoln'n	Mrs. T. V. Lineberger — Lin't'n	Mrs. Ivy Starnes — Lincolnton		Mrs. J. A. Burris — Lincolnton
East Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams		Mrs. G. W. Bandy — Lincolnton		Mrs. L. E. Hamrick — Lincolnt'n
Maiden First	Mrs. C. G. Ellis — Maiden	Mrs. Claude Story — Maiden			Mrs. A. C. McHargue — Maiden
Mt. Ruhama	Mrs. W. C. Reed — r2 Newton				
Mt. Zion	Mrs. R. G. Mace — Alexis				
Mt. Grove	Mrs. C. S. Eckard — Hickory				
Newton First	Mrs. J. W. Hollingsw'th — New'n	Miss Sue Burns — Newton	Miss Bettie Hildebran — Hickory		
North Newton	Mrs. C. F. Witherspoon — New'n		Mrs. C. D. Jessup — Newton	Mrs. J. B. Myers — Newton	Mrs. John Lancester — Newton
Olivet	Mrs. Cleave Gabriel — Sherrills Fd.	Mrs. Glenn Saunders — Long I.			Mrs. Daisy Link — Newton
Penelope	Mrs. L. L. Digh — Hickory	Miss Clara Starnes — Hickory	Mrs. C. B. Starr — Hickory	Mrs. Robert Gouge — Hickory	
Providence	Mrs. Cecil Brittain — r1 Hickory		Mrs. V. C. Martin — Hickory	T. F. Digh — Hickory	Mrs. Enloe Young — Hickory
River View	Mrs. L. M. Canipe — Lin'ton	Mrs. L. M. Kanipe — Linc't'n	Mrs. Ed Devine — Lincolnton		Mrs. P. L. Coffey — Lincolnton

EXHIBIT C **HISTORICAL TABLE**

DATE OF MEETING	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHED SERMON
October 24, 25, 26, 1912	Maiden First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	I. T. Newton
October 23, 24, 25, 1913	Mount Holly	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. J. Beach
October 22, 23, 24, 1914	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. C. Barrett
October 27, 28, 29, 1915	West Hickory	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. S. Connell
October 25, 26, 1916	East Gastonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. D. Harte
October 31, Nov. 1, 1917	Newton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	
November 21, 22, 1918	Belmont First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. L. Vipperman
October 29, 30, 1919	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. R. Bradshaw
October 27, 28, 1920	Mountain Grove	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. W. Rimmer
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1921	Lawing's Chapel	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	
September 28, 29, 1922	River View	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. C. Whitener
September 27, 28, 1923	Catawba	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. R. Freeman
October 2, 3, 1924	Penelope	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. M. Robinson
October 1, 2, 1925	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	T. C. Singleton
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1926	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. D. Barton
September 29, 30, 1927	Corinth	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. A. Ivey
September 27, 28, 1928	Mt. Ruhama	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	R. G. Short
September 26, 27, 1929	Mount Zion	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	E. F. Hardin
October 2, 3, 1930	Warlick's	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	C. F. Pittman
October 1, 2, 1931	Maiden First	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	J. R. Cantrell
September 29, 30, 1932	Mountain Grove	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	M. I. Harris
September 28, 29, 1933	Olivet	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	R. K. Redwine
September 27, 28, 1934	Macedonia	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	W. W. Marr
October 10, 11, 1935	Providence	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	T. H. Roach
October 8, 9, 1936	River View	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	W. R. Bradshaw
October 7, 8, 1937	Catawba	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	E. F. Sullivan
October 6, 7, 1938	Boger City	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	C. H. Henderson

TABLE I CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City, Co.?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	DAYS OF MEETING	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Mem.	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings During Year	Observance of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Bap. Papers
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Amity	Co	1905	L. A. McLure ..... Alexis		64	7	14						3	82	No			1
Antioch	Co	1922	H. W. Baucom ..... Gastonia	2nd-N, 4th-M&N	49					2				47	Yes	1	1	
Bethel	Co	1896	J. B. Payne ..... Morganton	4th Evening	57					15				42	No	1	1	
Boger City	Vil	1922	H. B. Jones ..... Boger City	Every Sunday	280	7	3			25	2	3	1	259	Yes	4	4	2
Brookford	Vil	1910	W. C. Laney ..... Brookford	Every Sunday	126	22	4	13		5	18	2	2	138	Yes	1	3	33
Brown Memorial	Vil	1935	W. R. Bradshaw ..... Hickory	Every Sunday	140	21	30	4		5			1	189	Yes	2	4	15
Catawba	Vil	1874	L. W. Lee ..... Catawba	1st & 3rd M&N	220	10	6			10			3	223	No	1	1	10
Cedar Grove	Co	1910	M. G. Chatman ..... Boger City	Every Sunday	29	24	2	1		1			1	54	Yes	1	3	6
Center View	Co	1915	L. A. McLure ..... Alexis	1st & 3rd	174	14	8			4				192	Yes	1	2	
Corinth	Co	1840	C. H. Henderson ..... r1 Hickory	2nd & 4th	161	18				5			1	173	No	1	4	11
Denver	Vil	1914	L. A. McLure ..... Alexis	4th Sunday	11									11	No	1		
Faith	Co	1905	T. H. Roach ..... r1 Lincolnton	2nd Eve. & N	60	11		1		5				67	Yes	1	2	
Gainesville	Co		R. G. Blackburn ..... r4 Lincolnt'n	2nd & 4th	90	20	5		4	25				94	No	1	1	
Hickory First	Tn	1870	R. K. Redwine ..... Hickory	Every Sunday	781	38	72	2		30	6	34	4	819	Yes	2	4	58
West Hickory	Tn	1907	W. W. Marr ..... Hickory	Every Sunday	239	15	16			40			5	225	Yes	1	4	
Highland	Tn	1912	E. F. Sullivan ..... Hickory	Every Sunday	555	26	28	10		46		3	2	568	Yes	2	3	51
Kid's Chapel	Co	1871	P. K. Drum ..... Maiden	4th	36	2				3				35	No	1	1	
Lawing's Chapel	Co	1908	L. A. McLure ..... Alexis	2nd	179	14	5			10			1	187	Yes	1	2	2
Leonard's Fork	Co	1882	L. M. Kanipe ..... Lincolnton	4th	47	12	2			4				57	No	1	2	3
Lincoln Avenue	Tn	1910	Morris Baker ..... High Shoals	1st, 3rd, 5th	105	82	21	10	21	20			1	218	Yes	1	1	
Lincolnton First	Tn		E. F. Hardin ..... Lincolnton	Every Sunday	282	7	25	2	1	40	1		1	275	Yes		3	30
Long Shoals	Vil	1917	A. M. Kiser ..... r1 Bessemer C'y	1st & 3rd	24	3	1	2	1	2			1	28	Yes	2	1	
Macedonia	Co		L. A. McLure ..... Alexis	4th Sat. N, 2nd&5th	235	7	5			4				243	No	1	2	
East Maiden	Tn	1927	L. R. Williams ..... Maiden	1st & 3rd	189	29	19			8			1	228	Yes	1	3	4
Maiden First	Tn	1929	Charles G. Ellis ..... Maiden	Every Sunday	498	39	4			9			2	530	Yes	1	2	5
Mt. Ruhama	Co	1816	L. A. McLure ..... Alexis	1st & 3rd	322	41	7		2	6		3	2	361	Yes	1	2	
Mt. Zion	Co	1869	R. G. Mace ..... Alexis	1st & 3rd	146	12	6			8			5	151	No	1	2	
Mtn. Grove	Co	1881	C. H. Henderson ..... r1 Hickory	1st & 3rd	124	5				4				125	No	1	4	1
Mtn. View	Co		L. A. McLure ..... Alexis	4th N	148	10	9			10			1	156	No	1	2	
Newton First	Tn	1882	O. S. Ulmer ..... Newton	Every Sunday	362		5			17		1		349	Yes	1	3	5
North Newton	Tn	1921	Hoyle Love ..... r3 Lexington	1st & 3rd	113	19	20		6	3	3	4		148	Yes	1	4	12
Olivet	Co	1833	K. D. Stukenbrsk ..... r2 Catawba	2nd & 4th	230	5	3	2	5	7		1	5	232	No	1	4	3
Penelope	Tn	1888	F. G. Womack ..... Hickory	Twice Every Sun.	450		5	1		29		6	6	415	Yes	2	2	6
Piney Grove	Co	1905	R. G. Short ..... Hickory	1st & 3rd	52		1			1				52	No	1	1	
Providence	Co	1878	C. H. Henderson ..... r1 Hickory	2nd & 4th	112	22			1					135	No	1	4	1
Reepsville	Co	1935	E. W. Friday ..... Dallas	1st & 3rd	110	4	3	2		3				116	No		1	
River View	Vil	1897	L. M. Kanipe ..... r4 Lincolnton	1st & 3rd M&N	163	25	13			9			2	190	Yes	1	2	2
Salem	Co	1849			106	5	1	1		3			1	109	No	1	1	
Sharon	Co	1884	S. M. Stroup ..... Alexis	2nd & 4th	64	1	3						1	67	No	1	2	1
Southside	Co	1925	L. R. Williams ..... Maiden	2nd & 4th	115	5			1	3		1	1	116	No	1	4	
Warlicks	Co	....	Jack Keller ..... Hickory	1st & 3rd	113	13	2							128	Yes	1	1	2
TOTALS					7361	595	348	51	42	421	30	58	54	7834		46	91	264

TABLE II
SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION										
		Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years & Up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Dept.	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrl. Incl. Ofcs. & Pupils	What is Your Av. Attend.?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers with Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Have You A Mission S. S.?	Enrollment of Mission S. S.	Did You Hold a V. B. S.?	Enrollment of V. B. S.?	Av. Attend. of V. B. S.?
Amity	R. M. Goodson r3 Lincolnton		30	23		12	45			9	119	48				5					
Antioch	R. L. Pendleton r3 Lincolnt'n	4	12	10	11	16	7			9	69	35	Yes	No					No		
Bethel	E. T. Mullen r3 Lincolnton	12		9		18	18			6	63	30	No	No					No		
Boger City	J. C. Burke Boger City	32	39	65	47	45	97	10		21	356	210	Yes	No		6			No		
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	24	47	71	44	71	38	39		36	370	151	Yes	No		8					
Brown Memorial	Z. W. Brown Hickory	13	31	36	24	59	47	26		31	267	140	Yes	No	1	21			Yes	119	78
Catawba	C. W. Erwin Catawba	9	22	20	24	52	33	11	14	17	202	104	No	No		10	No		No		
Cedar Grove	M. W. Hoyle Maiden	15	8	22	22	15	16	4		12	114	40									
Center View	J. P. Turbyfill Maiden	18	15	15	20	35	55			14	172	119	Yes								
Corinth	C. C. Propst r1 Hickory	6	12	14	23	20	33	19		15	142		Yes	Yes		18					
Denver																					
Faith	Robert Helton Stanley	4	3	8	6	15	17			9	62	24	No	No		9	No		No		
Gainesville	T. Taylor Lincolnton	8	7	12	18	26	22			8	101	70	No	No					No		
Hickory First	T. P. Pruitt Hickory	56	78	108	120	99	282	100	54	77	974	453	Yes	No	24	33	No				
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz Hickory	45	53	78	60	48	169	28	6	36	523	275	Yes	No		13	No		Yes	70	60
Highland	E. M. Suggs Hickory	34	57	95	66	95	139	29	53	71	639	310	Yes	No	10	25	Yes	120	Yes	145	117
Kids Chapel	Mrs. Abner Keever Iron Sta.		5	7	10		25			5	52										
Lawing's Chapel	G. E. Beal r3 Lincolnton	19	16	35	30	25	62	7		18	212	110	Yes	Yes		12			No		
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse	8	15		18		15			6	62	25	No	No		8					
Lincoln Avenue	Alvin Saine Lincolnton	20	18	86	34	73	84	14		15	344	189	Yes	No		25	No		No		
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincolnton	10	23	31	40	36	57	20	17	39	273	125	Yes	No		7	No		Yes	112	100
Long Shoals	J. F. Gates r4 Lincolnton	17	12	17	20	19	20			13	118	39	Yes	No		3			No		
Macedonia	M. L. Cash r3 Lincolnton	10	15	17	23	8	7			10	90	60				7					
East Maiden	E. H. Williams Maiden	20	25	42	34	60	41	18		32	272	215	Yes	No	12	26			Yes	65	48
Maiden First	W. C. Laney Maiden	16	54	66	55	108	123	33		21	476	250	Yes	No		27			No		
Mt. Ruhama	G. W. Caldwell Newton	18	22	24	61	36	106	16		14	297	220	Yes	No		39					
Mt. Zion	Paul Hager Alexis	7	4	19	17	23	23			13	106	49				9					
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Echard r1 Hickory	13	12	25	27	27	34	14		10	162	80	Yes	No		5					
Mtn. View	L. P. Gilleland Maiden																				
Newton First	E. T. Harrell Newton	24	48	56	58	50	109	20	8	23	396	233	Yes	No			No		No		
Nortth Newton	C. F. Witherspoon Newton	27	34	43	27	57	67	30		21	306	160	Yes	No		18			No		
Olivet	J. C. Saunders r2 Catawba	22	13	35	38	54	61	24		27	274	221	Yes	No		4			Yes	30	20
Penelope	A. A. Buchanan Hickory	16	55	75	74	53	88	14	6	56	437	214	Yes	No	14		No				
Piney Grove	P. E. Caldwell Catawba	4	4	16	9	9	22	4		6	74	45	No								
Providence	M. S. Brittain r1 Hickory	6	5	14	26	26	40	2		15	134	72	Yes	No		20			No		
Reepsville	Kinley Scronce r1 Lincolnton	10	12	14	17	25	20	15		12	125	95	Yes	No	7	4			Yes		
River View	Felton Young Lincolnton	10	10	50	55	25	110			13	273	185	Yes	No		18			Yes	65	60
Salem	Sam Hovis r4 Lincolnton	10	8	6	5	45	20		94	8	196	54	No	No		3					
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	6		4	3	10	9			4	36	25	No	No		1			No		
Southside	Vernon Smith Southside	9	20	25	25	65	40	25		12	221										
Warlicks	Forest Ervin Icard	16	9	29	13	22	49	6		11	155	95	Yes	No	5	13					
TOTALS		598	853	1322	1204	1482	2250	528	252	775	9264	4770			73	397		120		606	483

TABLE III **BAPTIST TRAINING UNION & MEN'S BROTHERHOODS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.**

CHURCHES	B. T. U. with Dir.?	No. of B. A. U.'s	No. of Senior B. Y. P. U.'s	No. of Intermediate B. Y. P. U.'s	No. of Junior B. Y. P. U.'s	Total B. A. U.'s and B. Y. P. U.'s	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Story Hours	Total No. Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers in Unions	Has B. T. U. been A-1 for 1 Quarter?	B. Y. P. U.'s & B. A. U.'s A-1 for 1 Quar.	Students in College From Your Church	Number Brotherhoods	Enrollment Brotherhoods
Amity																				
Antioch	No																	*		
Bethel																				
Boger City	Yes		1	1	2	4		10	32	24	66	1	30		44			*		
Brookford	Yes	1	2	1	2	6	13	36	24	24	97	1	28	33	43	No		1		
Brown Memorial	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	18	19	20	21	78	1	20	24	33			*		
Catawba	Yes		1	1	1	3		19	8	16	43	*	6	*	26		*	*	*	*
Cedar Grove	No		1		1	2		22		21	43							*		
Center View																		*		
Corinth																		1		
Denver																				
Faith																				
Gainesville	No		1	1		2		18	20		38		15					*		
Hickory First	Yes	1	2	4	2	9	29	26	46	37	138	1	51	39	70	No		7		
West Hickory	Yes	1	1	2	2	6	20	24	19	22	85		28	37	60	No		*	*	*
Highland	Yes	2	2	1	2	7	41	27	24	59	151	2	49	78	123			2		
Kid's Chapel																				
Lawing's Chapel	No		1			1		16			16									
Leonard's Fork																				
Lincoln Avenue	Yes		1	1	1	3		20	20	27	67		37	12	40			*	*	*
Lincolnton First	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	10	22	24	19	75		32	48	52	No		6	*	*
Long Shoals																				
Macedonia																				
East Maiden	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	8	9	15	11	43	1	23	21	24	No				
Maiden First	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	8	22	21	12	63	1	16	33	29	No		2	*	*
Mt. Ruhama																				
Mt. Zion	Yes		1	1		2		10	25		35		31	26	31	No				
Mtn. Grove			1	1		2		16	28		44		8		23					
Mtn. View																				
Newton First	No	1		1	1	3	12		10	18	40	1						1	*	*
North Newton																				
Olivet	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	9	15	16	19	59		22	12		No		1		
Penelope	Yes	1	1	2	2	6	29	18	38	41	126	1	35	62	73	No		*		
Piney Grove																				
Providence																				
Reepsville																				
River View	No			1	1	2			30	20	50	1	36	36	25	No		1		
Salem																				
Sharon																				
Southside																				
Warlicks																				
TOTALS		12	21	23	22	78	197	349	420	391	1357	11	477	461	596			22		

TABLE IV

W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. & POST OFFICES	No. of W. M. S.'s	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Given for Local Work by W. M. U.	Given for Missions by W. M. U.	Grand Total for All Purposes
Amity															$	$	$
Antioch																	
Bethel																	
Boger City	Mrs. Alice Clanton ... Boger C'y	1	1	2		1	5	16	20	44		16	96			73.68	73.68
Brookford			1				1		18				18			1.30	1.30
Brown Memorial	Mrs. A. T. Fox ..... r1 Hickory	3	1	2	1	1	8	28	11	12	3	8	62	12	18.19	37.25	55.44
Catawba	Miss Edna Danner ..... Catawba	1		1	1		3	15		3	12		30	14	10.50	147.72	158.22
Cedar Grove																	
Center View																	
Corinth	Mrs. C. H. Henderson ... Hick'y	1					1	10					10		10.63	8.70	19.33
Denver																	
Faith																	
Gainesville																	
Fickory First	Mrs. E. W. Walton ..... Hickory	1	2	2	2	2	9	145	37	27	24	50	283	158	65.25	527.51	592.76
West Hickory	Mrs. C. P. Abenrethy .. Hick'y	1	1	2	1	1	6	20	20	41	12	42	135	18	15.00	25.42	40.42
Highland	Mrs. W. B. Duncan ..... Hickory	1	1	2	1	1	6	20	15	27	22	12	96			17.05	17.05
Kid's Chapel																	
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernethy ... Linc'n	1					1	10					10		3.10	33.00	36.10
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. S. W. Bennett ... Lincolnt'n	1					1	6					6	6	11.85	30.00	41.85
Lincoln Avenue																	
Lincolnton First	Mrs. J. O. Shuford ... Lincolnt'n	1	1	2	1	1	6	60	15	28	10	26	139	71	42.00	154.31	196.31
Long Shoals																	
Macedonia																	
East Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams ..... Maiden	1					1	12					12			13.75	13.75
Maiden First	Mrs. C. G. Ellis ..... Maiden	1	1			1	3	35	24			18	77	*	65.99	44.81	110.80
Mt. Ruhama	Mrs. W. C. Reed ..... Newton															26.12	26.12
Mt. Zion	Mrs. R. G. Mace ..... Alexis	1					1										
Mtn. Grove	Mrs. C. S. Eckard ..... Hickory	1		1			2	12		16			28			20.90	20.90
Mtn. View																	
Newton First	Mrs. J. W. Hollingsw'th Newt'n	1	1	1	1	1	5	23	30	7	7	12	79		51.90	177.77	229.67
North Newton	Mrs. C. F. Witherspoon Newt'n	1					1	10					10			15.50	15.50
Olivet	Mrs. Cleave Gabriel Sherrils Fd.	1	1				2									26.62	26.62
Penelope	Mrs. T. F. Digh ..... Hickory	1	1	2	2	1	7	67	15	38	18	10	148	81		188.25	188.25
Piney Grove																	
Providence	Mrs. Cecil Brittain ..... Hickory	1					1	15					15			12.00	12.00
Reepsville																	
River View	Mrs. L. M. Kanipe ..... Linc'ton	1	1	1		1	4	25	12	22		10	69	15		62.52	62.52
Salem																	
Sharon																	
Southside																	
Warlicks																	
TOTALS		22	13	18	10	11	74	529	217	265	108	204	1323	375	$ 294.41	$1,644.18	$1,938.59

TABLE V CHURCH PROPERTY OF THE SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & POST OFFICES	Does Church Own House of Worship?	When Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	No. of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House & Grounds	Value of Mission Chapel If Any	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Amity	E. L. Ballard r3 Lincolnton	Yes	1925	Wood	300	1	.....	*	$ 800.00	$	$	$ 800.00	*	*
Antioch	R. L. Pendleton r3 Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	300	1	*	5	1,500.00	.....	.....	1,500.00	*	*
Bethel	E. T. Mullen r3 Lincolnton	Yes	1896	Br'k-Ven.	300	1	*	*	1,100.00	.....	.....	1,100.00	*	500.00
Boger City	J. P. Williams r3 Lincolnton	Yes	1936	Brick	400	22	3	17	12,778.86	.....	2,000.00	14,778.86	2,558.00	3,500.00
Brookford	G. G. Flowers Brookford	Yes	1910	Brick	300	21	3	24	15,000.00	.....	.....	15,000.00	.....	.....
Brown Memorial	C. O. Ellis r2 Hickory	Yes	1935	Brick	350	20	5	20	11,500.00	.....	.....	11,500.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
Catawba	Miss Edna Danner Catawba	Yes	1875	Brick	300	16	2	14	10,000.00	*	300.00	10,300.00	*	7,000.00
Cedar Grove	J. T. Howington Maiden	Yes	1902	Wood	200	1	*	*	300.00	*	*	300.00	*	*
Center View	J. F. Hovis r1 Maiden	Yes	1935	Wood	500	10	7	7	3,000.00	.....	.....	3,000.00	*	.....
Corinth	Miss Elma Stallings r3 Vale	Yes	1885	Stone	400	14	.....	10	6,000.00	.....	.....	6,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Denver	W. F. Keever Davidson	Yes	1914	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	1,500.00	.....	.....	1,500.00	*	*
Faith	P. L. Sigmon Alexis	Yes	1905	Wood	250	1	*	*	1,000.00	*	*	1,000.00	*	*
Gainesville	C. C. Houser Crouse	Yes	1923	Frame	200	1	.....	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	2,000.00	*	*
Hickory First	J. D. Greene Hickory	Yes	1900	Brick	800	56	6	47	90,000.00	.....	4,000.00	94,000.00	8,375.50	50,000.00
West Hickory	Miss Kathryn Abee Hickory	Yes	1900	Br'k-Ven.	300	22	4	17	10,000.00	*	1,500.00	11,500.00	850.00	2,500.00
Highland	V. H. White Hickory	Yes	1912	Brick	400	37	6	33	25,000.00	.....	5,000.00	30,000.00	*	8,000.00
Kid's Chapel	W. A. Poole Iron Station	Yes	1871	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	1,500.00	.....	.....	1,500.00	*	*
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry Linc'ton	Yes	1908	Wood	600	1	*	*	2,000.00	.....	.....	2,000.00	*	500.00
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	Yes	1882	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00	*	750.00
Lincoln Avenue	Ellis Hoover Lincolnton	Yes	1927	Brick	500	9	9	9	10,000.00	*	*	10,000.00	800.00	5,000.00
Lincolnton First	J. L. Proctor Lincolnton	Yes	1921	Brick	450	24	4	20	75,000.00	.....	3,000.00	78,000.00	8,800.00	25,000.00
Long Shoals	Mrs. S. J. Johnson r4 Linc'ton	Yes	1919	Frame	150	1	*	*	800.00	*	*	800.00	*	*
Macedonia	W. A. Potts r3 Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Brick	500	.....	.....	.....	10,100.00	.....	.....	10,100.00	*	.....
East Maiden	E. H. Williams Maiden	Yes	1927	Brick	350	5	*	11	4,500.00	.....	.....	4,500.00	829.94	1,500.00
Maiden First	Miss Margaretta Beal Maiden	Yes	1929	Brick	500	21	3	19	20,000.00	*	3,000.00	23,000.00	1,200.00	7,500.00
Mt. Ruhama	G. W. Caldwell r2 Newton	Yes	1912	Wood	500	9	9	9	4,500.00	.....	.....	4,500.00	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	Dan Long Stanley	Yes	1869	Wood	500	5	.....	4	2,500.00	.....	.....	2,500.00	.....	.....
Mtn. Grove	G. F. Huffman r1 Hickory	Yes	1881	Br'k-Ven.	300	9	.....	8	4,500.00	.....	.....	4,500.00	954.00	2,500.00
Mtn. View	M. O. Gilleland Maiden	Yes	1900	Wood	300	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newton First	D. F. Adams Newton	Yes	1914	Brick	400	10	2	8	26,500.00	*	4,500.00	31,000.00	538.00	8,000.00
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant r2 Newton	Yes	1923	Br'k-Ven.	250	13	*	13	10,000.00	*	*	10,000.00	3,675.00	4,000.00
Olivet	F. H. Lytton Long Island	Yes	1884	Wood	300	8	2	7	2,400.00	*	1,600.00	4,000.00	*	2,800.00
Penelope	L. L. Yoder Hickory	Yes	1888	Brick	700	3	4	22	16,000.00	6,500.00	2,000.00	24,500.00	3,008.20	12,350.00
Piney Grove	Miss Henry Etta Setzer Newt'n	Yes	1905	Wood	350	1	.....	.....	400.00	.....	.....	400.00	.....	.....
Providence	Millie Whitener r3 Vale	Yes	1892	Wood	300	5	.....	4	2,500.00	.....	.....	2,500.00	.....	1,500.00
Reepsville	Miss Sophia Logan r2 Linc'ton	Yes	1935	Wood	250	6	6	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	2,000.00	.....	*
River View	G. S. Caldwell r1 Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	500	9	8	8	5,800.00	.....	2,200.00	8,000.00	*	3,250.00
Salem	Clarence Helms r4 Lincolnton	Yes	1930	Brick	500	1	.....	.....	3,500.00	.....	.....	3,500.00	*	*
Sharon	L. A. Abernethy Iron Station	Yes	1900	Wood	300	1	.....	6	500.00	*	*	500.00	*	*
Southside	Wm. Justice Southside	Yes	1925	Wood	400	9	8	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,700.00
Warlicks	E. T. Berry Icard	Yes	1932	Brick	500	9	8	7	7,000.00	.....	.....	7,000.00	*	*
TOTALS	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,600	386	105	358	$404,478.86	$6,500.00	$29,100.00	$440,078.86	$34,788.64	$154,850.00

TABLE VI GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS & POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S.S., B.Y.P.U. & W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Ptg. of Minutes & Clerk of Assn.	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes by Church & All its Organizations	Pledged to Cooperative Program
Amity	Pat A. Mullen r1 Iron Sta.	$ 78.40	$	$ 25.62	$	$	$	$ 26.18	$	$ 1.75	$ 19.90	$ 151.85	$
Antioch	G. M. Martin r3 Lincolnton	70.00			1.00		3.00	12.00		1.50		87.50	10.00
Bethel	(Not Reported)	107.00					1.50	11.51		1.00	28.26	149.27	
Boger City	W. H. Boyles Boger City	1,404.00		51.00		233.68	276.12	183.57	13.68	5.50	380.07	2,547.62	350.00
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	1,404.00		67.17		1,415.41	632.81	204.17	69.90	6.00	229.87	4,029.33	
Brown Memorial	Geo. W. Fox r2 Hickory	710.00		75.00	45.97	670.00	220.02	215.69	5.65	6.00	197.38	2,145.71	400.00
Catawba	Neil Wike rfd Catawba	720.30		64.20	25.97		160.72	93.06		5.00	411.98	1,481.23	240.00
Cedar Grove	J. T. Howington r1 Maiden	112.12		15.00			2.97	43.94		1.00	7.00	182.04	
Center View	W. W. Laney r1 Maiden	275.62	60.00	22.50	140.90		32.83	12.00	1.25	2.60	43.27	590.97	
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant r1 Hickory	300.00		50.00	869.93		36.00	56.47		4.00	7.00	1,323.40	100.00
Denver	B. L. Beal Denver	68.33								.50	12.48	81.31	5.00
Faith	Mrs. Horace Bradsh'w Iron Sta.	108.22		17.60	97.68			10.31		2.25	4.35	240.41	
Gainesville	W. S. Campbell r2 Linc'ton	172.39		24.53	125.00			20.00		1.00		342.92	
Hickory First	H. G. Stephens Hickory	3,225.00	600.00	165.30	103.17	1,778.00	1,840.93	743.99	320.25		623.73	9,400.37	4,200.00
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz Hickory	1,240.00		69.05	362.26	475.80	252.64	175.26	15.00	5.00	50.34	2,645.35	175.00
Highland	W. B. Duncan Hickory	2,396.12	120.00	169.95	157.50	32.50	499.98	393.58	22.50	15.00	401.23	4,208.36	1,500.00
Kid's Chapel	D. A. Poole Iron Station	50.00						15.50			3.00	68.50	
Lawing's Chapel	J. J. Henry r3 Lincolnton	276.91		31.17			22.30	39.38		5.00		374.76	100.00
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	100.00					12.15	14.70		2.00		128.85	60.00
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman Linc'ton	472.50	5.00	72.24	216.78		96.89	122.99		4.00	19.16	1,009.56	120.00
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincolnton	2,150.00	120.00	40.00	261.37	1,334.00	280.03	205.61	28.26	12.50	149.10	4,580.87	700.00
Long Shoals	(Not Reported)	60.00					68.89	20.24		1.00		150.13	
Macedonia	Miss Evelyn Ewing Iron Sta.	264.67		40.00			51.81	24.00	14.84		28.06	423.38	
East Maiden	Clifton Turbyfield Maiden	460.90		51.90	673.03	86.51	80.00	132.45	12.00		80.00	1,576.79	
Maiden First	Miss Laura Hill Setzer Maiden	1,369.15		124.24	53.92	699.00	145.00	219.05	146.37	13.70	279.54	3,049.97	350.00
Mt. Ruhama	Robert Drum r2 Newton	727.35		45.00			10.77	25.49	31.50	5.00	54.40	899.51	125.00
Mt. Zion	E. A. Sadler Alexis	297.86		32.15			38.09	52.36	15.00	2.00	44.00	481.46	
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckard Hickory	400.00		43.30	500.00	38.25	22.75	61.90		4.00	3.20	1,073.40	
Mtn. View	Carl Killian Maiden	292.59			65.07			64.93				422.59	
Newton First	J. Y. Killian Newton	812.50	10.00	340.70	87.28	264.00	173.05	136.90		7.50	139.56	1,971.49	
North Newton	J. R. Murray r2 Newton	540.00		61.80	83.65	6,187.14	74.40		13.25	2.00	44.75	7,006.99	150.00
Olivet	W. W. Ervin r2 Catawba	430.00		75.00	395.25		117.73	103.15		5.00		1,126.13	
Penelope	W. A. Cook Hickory	1,560.00		35.00	4,745.93		81.69	255.39		7.50	63.53	6,749.04	300.00
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernathy Catawba	110.44		20.00			9.55	21.40	10.28	1.50	3.44	176.61	25.00
Providence	D. W. Brittain r1 Hickory	330.00		50.00	12.00	12.00	10.00	37.42	16.00	3.50	141.00	611.92	100.00
Reepsville	Amos Scronce r1 Lincolnton	93.12						8.38		2.00		103.50	
River View	P. J. Coffey r4 Lincolnton	803.02		35.00	3.50		104.57	73.08	22.00	4.50	45.00	1,090.67	200.00
Salem	J. R. Avery r4 Lincolnton	125.85		6.05			12.00	18.75		1.00		163.65	
Sharon	Miss Edna Lineberger Iron Sta.	49.26						8.58		1.00		58.84	
Southside	W. F. Parker Southside	323.25		37.25	200.00		85.00	75.00	10.00	4.00		734.50	
Warlicks	Forest McGuire r2 Con. Spgs.	200.00		37.50		220.00	27.00	23.00	10.00	2.00	41.00	560.50	
TOTALS		$24,690.88	$ 915.00	$1,995.22	$9,227.16	$13,446.29	$5,483.19	$3,961.38	$ 777.73	$ 148.80	$3,555.60	$64,201.25	$9,210.00

TABLE VII GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, BENEVOLENCES, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS & POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian & Ministerial Ed.	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total for Missions & Benevolences	Total for Local Purposes	Grand Total for All Purposes
Amity	P. A. Mullen r1 Iron Station	$	$	$ 6.00	$	$ 8.18	$	$ 20.00	$ 3.00	$	$	$ 37.18	$ 151.85	$ 189.03
Antioch	G. M. Martin r3 Lincolnton												87.50	87.50
Bethel													149.27	149.27
Boger City	W. H. Boyles Boger City	260.76		24.00	9.49	25.46		123.58	12.46		36.78	492.53	2,547.62	3,040.15
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	2,663.39		55.85	2.11	27.87		371.55	20.46		158.24	3,299.47	4,029.33	7,328.80
Brown Memorial	G. W. Fox r2 Hickory	478.03		32.17	7.25	26.85		164.02	17.16			725.48	2,145.71	2,871.19
Catawba	Neil Wike Catawba	155.38		21.92	26.96	23.06	14.68	88.21	5.70		8.75	344.66	1,481.23	1,825.89
Cedar Grove	(Not Reported,							4.87	4.00			8.87	182.04	190.91
Center View	W. W. Laney r1 Maiden			4.00	5.00	5.00		39.28	6.00	5.00	22.50	86.78	590.97	677.75
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant r1 Hickory	78.75						30.00	7.00		3.55	119.30	1,323.40	1,442.70
Denver	B. L. Beal Denver	5.00										5.00	81.31	86.31
Faith	Mrs. Horace Bradsh'w Iron Sta.			1.50	2.98	2.07		9.56	2.58			18.69	240.41	259.10
Gainesville	W. S. Campbell r2 Linc'ton							4.36				4.36	342.92	347.28
Hickory First	H. G. Stephens Hickory	3,349.85		79.82	43.04	439.32		715.94	73.56		154.23	4,855.76	9,400.37	14,256.13
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz Hickory	55.00		5.50	12.28	16.59		35.00	15.00		6.25	145.62	2,645.35	2,790.97
Highland	W. B. Duncan Hickory	1,216.50			5.51	5.52		194.49	12.27			1,434.29	4,208.36	5,642.65
Kid's Chapel	D. A. Poole Iron Station			1.00				2.00				3.00	68.50	71.50
Lawing's Chapel	J. J. Henry r3 Lincolnton	53.86						27.74			10.00	91.60	374.76	466.36
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse			16.45	5.50	12.23		16.00	3.00		16.00	69.18	128.85	198.03
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman Lincolnton	82.11		5.27		3.57		45.78				136.73	1,009.56	1,146.29
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincolnton	369.22	14.32	29.90	23.01	64.94		177.57	26.92		288.91	994.79	4,580.87	5,575.66
Long Shoals	(Not Reported,		1.25								1.14	2.39	150.13	152.52
Macedonia	Miss Evelyn Ewing Iron Sta.	17.73						12.68				30.41	423.38	453.79
East Maiden	Clifton Turbyfill Maiden	58.58						67.21	6.81		8.00	140.60	1,576.79	1,717.39
Maiden First	Miss Laura Hill Setzer Maiden	278.43			10.80			94.64	19.35		38.23	441.45	3,049.97	3,491.42
Mt. Ruhama	Robert Drum r2 Newton	86.74		23.30				77.48	21.00			208.52	899.51	1,108.03
Mt. Zion	E. A. Sadler Alexis	17.45		5.00				47.59	7.33			77.37	481.46	558.83
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckard r1 Hickory	66.73						36.00	10.10			112.83	1,073.40	1,186.23
Mtn. View	Carl Killian Maiden				6.71	5.00		10.00	5.00			26.71	422.59	449.30
Newton First	J. V. Killian Newton	278.00			11.40	49.09		111.68	11.40		16.33	477.90	1,971.49	2,449.39
North Newton	J. R. Murray r2 Newton	86.30		15.00	10.00	8.15		89.23	11.25		17.25	237.18	7,006.99	7,244.17
Olivet	W. W. Ervin r2 Catawba	138.00		4.70	3.06	6.00		13.58	110.74	3.54		279.62	1,126.13	1,405.75
Penelope	W. A. Cooke Hickory	305.53		47.33	5.52	9.99		28.50	4.56		8.49	409.92	6,749.04	7,158.96
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy Catawba	21.04		9.35				26.35	5.00		5.60	67.34	176.61	243.95
Providence	D. W. Brittain r1 Hickory			15.00				15.00	15.00		55.00	100.00	611.92	711.92
Reepsville	Amos Scronce Lincolnton	2.60						12.79	3.35			18.74	103.50	122.24
River View	P. J. Coffey r4 Lincolnton	155.28		7.86	13.90	3.45		90.51	4.70			275.70	1,090.67	1,366.37
Salem	J. R. Avery r4 Lincolnton												163.65	163.65
Sharon	Edna Lineberger Iron Station	1.70		1.50				4.25			1.73	9.18	58.84	68.02
Southside	W. H. Parker Southside	103.23						66.94			8.00	178.17	734.50	912.67
Warlicks	Forest McGuire Con'ly Spgs.							10.25	5.00			15.25	560.50	575.75
TOTALS		$10,385.19	$ 15.57	$ 412.42	$ 204.52	$ 742.34	$ 14.68	$2,884.63	$ 449.70	$ 8.54	$ 864.98	$15,982.57	$64.201.25	$80.183.82

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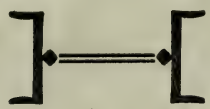

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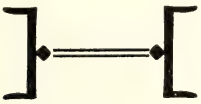

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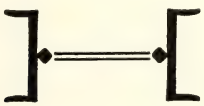

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CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as South Fork Baptist Association.
2. The objects of this Association shall be to educate to the ministry, men called of God and approved by the Church to which they belong; to support the Gospel throughout the bounds of the Association; to assist Baptist churches in erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible by all our people; to promote the work of the Bible School and Young People and to co-operate with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention in all departments of their work.
3. This Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the several member churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association and Chairmen of all standing committees. Each church of one hundred members or fraction thereof shall be entitled to two messengers and for each additional fifty members, an additional messenger; provided, that no church shall have more than five messengers.
4. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Representative of Baptist Hospital, and Representative of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, all of whom shall be elected on the closing day of each annual session and shall serve through the next annual meeting. The Association shall also elect annually the following officers of the South Fork Sunday School Convention: Namely, a Superintendent, and Secretary-Treasurer; and said Association shall ratify or confirm the selection of the following Associational officers: Superientendent of the W. M. U., and the Director of the B. T. U.
5. There shall be an Executive Committee for the Association, consisting of the Moderator, ex-officio, and nine members representing the different sections of the Association. The nine members shall be divided into equal groups and elected for one, two and three years. As the terms expire, the successors shall serve for terms of three years. At each annual session, the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three to nominate, at the following annual session, members to fill vacancies of the Executive Committee. Vacancies occuring between sessions of the Association may be filled until next session by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Failure without good reason to attend at least two meetings of the Executive Committee during the year shall disqualify any member from serving the following years. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions and report annually to the Association and bring to the Association such recommendations as they may consider wise.
6. The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present on the first or second day of the Association.
7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the First Sunday in October at ten A. M. The hours for the convention of further sessions of the Association shall be fixed by the Moderator or by the Program Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. This Association shall hold four quarterly union meetings each year, the same to be held each fifth Sunday afternoon. There shall also be an annual Spring session, the same to be purely inspirational. These meetings to be under the direction of Executive Committee, the necessary expenses to be paid from the general fund.
8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee for each annual session, composed of three members, one of which shall be the Pastor of the church with which the Association will meet. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a program for the next annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The number of the messengers shall be ascertained each day previous to proceeding with the business of the Association.
3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate someone else to preside if he wishes to vacate the chair.
4. The Parliamentary Procedure shall be in accordance with Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Practice", which shall be final authority on any question of procedure arising during the deliberation of the Association.
5. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and shall superintend the printing of the Minutes at an annual salary of $35.00.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

L. L. HATFIELD, Hickory, N. C. ..... Moderator
W. E. GARRISON, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Vice-Moderator
J. Y. KILLIAN, Newton, N. C. ..... Treasurer
M. S. BRITTAIN, R. F. D. 1, Hickory, N. C. ..... Clerk
JAMES C. SHERWOOD, Maiden, N. C. ..... Asst. Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1941

E. F. Sullivan, Hickory
T. H. Caldwell, Maiden
C. W. Ervin, Catawba

Term Expiring 1942

E. B. Goodin, Lincolnton
W. A. Potts, Lincolnton
J. Y. Killian, Newton

Term Expiring 1943

M. S. Brittain, Hickory
L. L. Canipe, Lincolnton
W. C. Reed, Newton

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

James C. Sherwood, Maiden, N. C. ..... General Superintendent
W. C. Reed, Newton, N. C. ..... Associate Superintendent

W. M. U. CONVENTION

Mrs. Hilton Bowles, Hickory, N. C. ..... Superintendent
Mrs. G. H. Tobey, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Associate Superintendent
Mrs. Rose Grogg, Hickory, N. C. ..... Secretary
Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory, N. C. ..... Treasurer

District Leaders

Mrs. C. T. Abernethy, Hickory, N. C. ..... Hickory District
Mrs. B. R. McCreight, Newton, N. C. ..... Newton District
Mrs. James C. Sherwood, Maiden, N. C. ..... Maiden District
Mrs. G. W. Bandy, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Lincolnton District
Mrs. J. V. Lineberger, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Personal Service Chairman
Miss Edna Damer, Catawba, N. C. ..... Stewardship Chairman
Mrs. F. G. Womack, Hickory, N. C. ..... Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Crouse, N. C. ..... Literature Chairman
Miss Stella Coulter, Catawba, N. C. ..... Young People's Leader
Miss Selma Hicks, Hickory, N. C. ..... Asst. Young People's Leader
Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Hickory, N. C. ..... Worker-At-Large

OFFICERS OF THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Hickory, N. C. ..... Director
Miss Mary Summey, Hickory, N. C. ..... Associate Director
Miss Maggie Icard, Boger City, N. C. ..... Secretary
Mr. Franklin Jones, Hickory, N. C. ..... Chorister
Miss Stella Coulter, Catawba, N. C. ..... Pianist
Rev. W. C. Reed, Rt. 1, Newton, N. C. ..... Pastor Advisor
Mr. W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Adult Leader
Mrs. J. J. Henry, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Senior Leader
Mr. Clarence Lawing, 10th Ave., Hickory, N. C. ..... Intermediate Leader
Mrs. C. L. Knight, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... Junior Leader
Mrs. Claude Abernethy, Maiden, N. C. ..... Story Hour Leader

District Leaders

Miss Donnie Hudson, Hickory, N. C. ..... District No. 1
Mr. Fred Lytton, Long Island, N. C. ..... District No. 2
Miss Pauline Wliliams, Maiden, N. C. ..... District No. 3
Mr. Paul Hager, Alexis, N. C. (Acting) ..... District No. 4
Mr. Anderson Britt, Lincolnton, N. C. ..... District No. 5

LIST OF MESSENGERS

(SESSION—1939)

Church	Messengers
Amity	Burgen Miller, J. P. Caldwell
Antioch	A. L. Smith, C. C. Devine
Bethel	J. S. Turner, Alma Harrill, W. B. Mullen, Evelyn Turner
Boger City	Mrs. J. E. Burke, Mrs. Marshall Dellinger, Mrs. Roxy McManus
Brookford	Edith Breedlone, Gladys Mitchell
Brown Memorial	A. T. Fork
Catawba	H. A. Witherspoon, Edna Danner, Mrs. Worth Erwin, Mrs. P. A. Rufty
Cedar Grove	Charlie Smith, Walter Willis, M. W. Hoyle
Center View	M. H. Laney, J. P. Turbyfill, Mrs. J. P. Turbyfill, Mrs. M. H. Laney
Corinth	C. V. Stallings, J. A. Wilson, Elma Stallings
Denver	W. F. Keever, B. L. Beal
Faith	Macie Sigmon, Vera M. Helderman, P. L. Sigmon, Robert Helton
Gainsesville	W. S. Campbell, J. A. Starr, W. E. Ingle
Hickory First	B. A. Hudson, T. P. Pruitt, Mrs. L. P. Frans, Mrs. R. H. Bowles, Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Mrs. J. A. Steelman
West Hickory	A. D. Lowdermilk, Mrs. M. L. Christopher, Mrs. Ed Powell
Highland	Mrs. J. C. Bridgeman, Lee Fry, V. H. White, Mrs. V. H. White, Mrs. C. M. Lawing, C. M. Lawing, Mrs. W. B. Duncan
Lawing's Chapel	G. S. Whisnant, Elizabeth Whisnant, Ed Withers
Leonard's Fork	L. H. Hefner, Mrs. L. N. Heavner, Vance Heavner, Mrs. J. W. Hoover
Lincoln Avenue	E. M. Allman, Mrs. E. M. Hallman
Lincolnton First	Mrs. W. L. Abernethy, Mrs. W. E. Sannison, Mrs. W. G. Bandy, W. W. Caldwell, W. E. Sannison, Mrs. J. W. Bowles, J. W. Bowles
Macedonia	C. E. Erving, W. A. Potts, J. R. Perkins
East Maiden	J. W. Yoder, Mrs. R. B. Cooke, R. B. Cooke
Maiden First	Mrs. A. C. McHogne, Mrs. W. B. Beal, M. P. Williams, R. E. Danner, T. H. Caldwell, Mrs. T. H. Caldwell
Mt. Ruhama	Geo. Caldwell, J. M. Murray, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Abernethy, Frank Ballard
Mt. Zion	Mrs. R. G. Mace, Lelia Saddler, Mrs. L. A. McClure
Mt. View	Mrs. L. G. Gilland, M. O. Gilliland, H. P. Dellinger
Newton First	Garland Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth, L. B. Beal, R. D. Huitt

North Newton ..... Jasina Johnson, Yvonna Honeycutt, Mrs. Floy Wilkinson, C. A. Wilkinson, Bob Whisnant, Mrs. Charles Honeycutt

Olivet ..... L. A. White, Mrs. Horace Kale, Horace Kale

Penelope ..... Mrs. F. G. Womack, A. A. Buchanan, Mrs. Julius Butler, Julius Butler, Mrs. Gertrude Robinson, Mrs. C. C. Annas

Piney Grove ..... J. P. Abernethy, Ruth Setzer, E. T. Barker, Henry Etta Setzer

Providence ..... Dudley Hudson, T. S. Abee, Mandy Hudson, Millie Whitener

Reepsville ..... Nancy Helms, Jessie Scronce, Mrs. Charley Scronce

River View ..... Mrs. S. A. Rhodes, S. A. Rhodes, Mrs. A. W. Punch A. W. Punch

Salem ..... A. C. Lewis, Clarence Helms, F. D. Helms

Sharon ..... Mrs. R. E. Hovis, Margie Perkins, Grace Graham

Warlicks ..... Grant Miller, Jr., Johnsie Lineberger, Lee Speagle Minnie Knox

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REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Associational Officers	4
Pastors and Ministers	23
Official Messengers and Alternates	135
From Associational Churches (other than Messengers)	161
State Officers and Representatives	4
Visitors from Local Community	15
Visitors from Outside Community	9
Pastors and Ministers Outside Association	8
Total Registered Attendance	359

NUMBER OF VISITORS
Association

Green River	1
Watauga	2
Rowan	2
Caldwell	2
Central	1
Gaston	1
Liberty	1
Pilot Mountain	2
Mecklenburg	2

NUMBER OF VISITORS
Other Denomination

Presbyterian	1
Methodist	8
Lutheran	2
Reformed	2

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

J. A. McMillan — Smith Hagaman — Hoyt Blackwell
M. A. Huggins

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1939
MORNING SESSION

The officers of the Association, including the Moderator, L. L. Hatfield; Clerk, M. S. Brittain, Assistant Clerk, James C. Sheerwood; the Treasurer, J. Y. Killian; Mrs. L. P. Frans, Director of Music; and Mrs. R. M. Perry, Accompanist; were present.

1. The 61st Annual Session of the South Fork Baptist Association was called to order by the Moderator, L. L. Hatfield, at the North Newton Baptist Church, Catawba County, Newton, North Carolina, on October 5, 1939, at 9:50 A. M.

2. The meeting was opened with the following hymns: "Revive Us Again"; "Footsteps of Jesus"; and "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning."

3. The Association was led in prayer by the Rev. Paul K. Drum.

4. The Worship Period was led by the Rev. J. A. Hudson using the theme, "The Church at Philippi", after which Brother Hudson led in prayer.

5. At this time the Enrollment of Messengers was called for and the Roll Call by the Clerk, Brother M. S. Brittain.

6. The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: Rev. J. A. McKaughan, Winston-Salem; The Rev. S. A. Stroup, Granite Falls; and Dr. M. A. Huggins, State Secretary, Raleigh.

7. Words of welcome were given by the Rev. Hoyle Love, Host Pastor and the response was made by the Moderator, L. L. Hatfield.

8. Dr. W. R. Bradshaw introduced the Rev. J. A. Hudson as coming from the Central Baptist Church, Spruce Pine, to the Catawba and Olivet Churches; and the Rev. James C. Sherwood as coming from the Butler Baptist Church, Butler, Tenn., to the First Church, Maiden.

9. The Rev. Hoyle Love gave the Report of the Program Committee and motion prevailed that the Report be accepted with the necessary changes to be worked out by the Moderator with the Committee.

10. Hymn, "What A Friend".

11. Baptist Periodicals Report by the Rev. E. J. Harrell and was discussed by same and in the proper time the report was adopted.

BAPTIST PERIODICALS

"Reading maketh a FULL MAN", it is said; "and out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" says Jesus. So we have reading, thinking, speaking and acting; all determined by what one reads. No wonder that teachers, parents, ministers and all character builders, are profoundly concerned about what our new generation **reads**!

Our own literature for our Sunday Schools, B. T. U., & W. M. U. is the best in the world for Southern Baptists.

Our own Baptist papers, Charity & Children and the Biblical Recorder are the best on earth for N. C. Baptists. A year ago, only 13 Sunday Schools in our Association of 41 churches were receiving Charity & Children in clubs. When each and every Sunday School CAN and SHOULD be getting this excellent paper, to put in each home free of cost.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

About thirty persons in our Association personally subscribed for the Recorder. Eleven churches have Recorder Clubs. They are: Boger City, Brookford, Brown Memorial, Catawba, Corinth, Faith, Hickory First, Highland, Lincolnton First, North Newton, Riverview.

Our Baptist State Convention now owns the Biblical Recorder. Its profits, if any, go to our Baptist causes. The circulation of the Recorder is almost 13,000; of this number about 3000 are individual subscribers at the $2.00 rate; while more than 9000 are members of Recorder Clubs at the $1.50 rate. There are now more than 500 Recorder clubs; yet there are about 1900 churches in N. C., with no Recorder Clubs.

We heartily commend our good pastor, J. A. Hudson, as the Recorder representative of the South Fork Association; and we urge that in every church a Recorder representative be selected, whose duty it will be, along with the aid of the pastor and Brother Hudson, to form a Recorder club in that church. For there are about 90,000 Baptist families in the State, who never see the Recorder. Surely we need to change this situation, if our Baptist people are to grow strong.

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. HARRELL.

12. Dr. M. A. Huggins, State Secretary, spoke on the Recorder.

13. W. M. U. Report by Mrs. R. H. Bowles and discussion by same, Mrs. R. K. Redwine, and Mrs. F. G. Womack, and adopted.

W. M. U. REPORT

In obedience to our Lord's command to "Go ye", the W. M. U. came into being. It was woman's way to go. In the days when women stayed quietly at home and cared for the family, her heart and mind were busy thinking and planning how best to do the Master's will. A group of women joined together to pray for the few missionaries that were on the field and to support them as best they could by sewing for them, sending missionary boxes and giving money they could scrape together.

Women still are planning how best to carry out their Lord's command. In this day of freedom for women, many are going out to the mission fields. Others have grouped together to serve the master by prayer, Bible Study, Christ-like living, mission study, training children in the missionary ideals, enlisting others and by giving.

Last year the W. M. U. in our association gave $3,934.15 to missions. One small church W. M. S. gave $100.00 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Another W. M. S. gave $200.00 "over and above" to support a

native worker in Africa. Still another gave $75.00 to the Heck Memorial Offering for the Louisville Training School.

Many mission study classes were held. Some of them benig pioneer classes, composed of people who had never studied missions before. One class has been meeting continuously for almost a year. One church had a school of missions where classes were conducted for every member of the church.

We had 18 girls attending the Southwide Y. W. A. Camp at Ridgecrest 10 days. The first Ann Hasseltine (College) Y. W. A. in the South Fork Association was organized at Lenoir Rhyne College. Six new societies were organized, mostly among the young people. A Young People's Rally was held at Newton with our State Young People's Leader, Miss Mary Currin, present. An Associational Y. W. A. banquet was held at Lenoir Rhyne College with more than 100 girls present. Miss Stalla Coulter is our most able young people's leader.

We realize that in our association of 41 churches, we have all too few W. M. U. organizations. We pray that with the help of God we may in the coming year extend our work into every church. We pray that the members and leaders of these churches who have no W. M. U. organizations may be led to join with the other thousands of organizations in the South land to pray, study, give, learn and tell others the great gospel message.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. H. BOWLES, Supt.

14. Hymn, "My Jesus, I Love Thee".

15. Treasurer's Report by J. Y. Killian, report adopted.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Funds invested as follows:

Town of Maiden (Note)	$1,500.00
W. D. Hursey, Claremont, N. C. (Note)	500.00
G. S. Whisnant, Maiden, N. C. (Note)	400.00
B. B. Burris, Newton, N. C. (Note)	200.00
	$2,600.00

Receipts, Etc.

October 1, 1938, Bal. in Shuford N. Bank, Newton, N. C.	$ 12.25
November 1, 1938, Interest collected from Town of Maiden	90.00
May 8, 1939, Interest collected from G. S. Whisnant	24.00
May 24, 1939, Interest collected from B. B. Burris	12.00
September 30, 1939 Interest collected from W. D. Hursey	30.00
Borrowed from Associational Funds	.25
	$168.50

Disbursements

Paid Mars Hill College, tuition, incidentals, etc. for

Miss Daisy Ervin	$103.55
Paid direct to Miss Ervin	46.45
	$150.00
Paid direct to Miss Ervin for first semester, 1939-40	18.50
	$168.50

Balance in Bank and Collected for Minute Fund, Clerk Hire and General Associational Expenses

Oct. 1, 1938, Bal. in Shuford National Bank	$ 14.66
Oct. 8-Nov. 2, 1938, minute funds collected	191.80
Oct. 29, 1938, collected at 5th Sunday Union meeting	4.81
Jan. 29, 1939, collected at 5th Sunday Union meeting free will offering for Mrs. Keller	24.00
Feb. March, & April, rec'd from Associational Sunday School Superintendent	6.71
May 1, collected at 5th Sunday Union meeting	10.80
May and June received from Associational S. S. Supt.	3.50
July and Aug. received from Associational S. S. Supt.	4.62
July 28th, collected at 5th Sunday Union meeting	5.50
Sept. and Oct., received from Associational S. S. Supt.	2.97
Sept. 30th, transferred from Scholarship Fund to Associational Fund for money borrowed	30.00
	$300.37

Disbursements

Oct. 31, 1938, pd. Dr. Luther Little's expenses to Association	$ 3.00
Oct. 31, 1938, pd. Dr. Ralph Herring's expenses to Association	5.00
Oct. 31, 1938, pd. Hickory Printing Company for programs	9.00
Oct. 31, 1938, pd. expenses for stamps, envelopes, cards, etc. for 5th Sunday Union meeting	9.85
Dec. 24, 1938, pd. M. S. Brittain, clerk hire	35.00
Jan. 12, 1939, pd. Hickory Printing Co. for printing minutes	96.80
Jan. 30, 1939, pd. free will offering to Mrs. J. R. Keller	24.00
March 7, 1939, pd. G. C. Huitt Assoc. S. S. Supt. expenses	2.60
March 7, 1939, pd. expenses for 5th Sunday Union meeting	5.50
May 20, 1939, pd. expenses for Spring Session of Association	10.53
May 20, 1939, pd. D. B. A. Bowers expenses to Spring Ses. of Asc.	3.00
May 20, 1939, pd. Mr. and Mrs. Alexanders exp. to Spr. ses. Assc.	3.00
July paid expenses for promotion meeting at Maiden	11.25
Aug. 26, 1939, pd. expenses for stamps, envelopes, etc. for Sunday School Union meeting	3.45
Aug. 29, 1939, pd. Hickory Printing Co. for programs, etc.	7.30
Oct. 2, 1939, pd. G. C. Huitt, Assoc. S. S. Supt. for expenses for March to October inclusive	10.02
Transferred (May 26th $11.75 and Sept. 1st, $18.500 to the Scholarship fund	30.25
Oct. 5, 1939, bal. in Shuford N. Bank	30.82
	$300.37

Funds Collected for United Dry Forces

Oct. 8, 1938, colected at Association	$ 23.38

Disbursements

Oct. 8, 1938, Remitted to Mr. Cale Burgess, Supt. of U. D. F.	$ 23.38

Respectfully submitted,
J. Y. KILLIAN, Treas.-Trustee

16. Hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life".

17. The Moderator called the appointee for the Annual Sermon, the Rev. L. A. McClure to the pulpit. Brother McClure read II Peter, 3:10-18 and called on the Alternate, the Rev. L. R. Williams, to lead in prayer, after which he brought the message, using as his text II Peter,

3:18 and subject: "Growth in Christian Living". The message was helpful and timely.

18. The Host Pastor, Brother Hoyle made announcements concerning dinner.

19. The Moderator welcomed the following visitors: Dr. B. A. Bowers, Gastonia; the Rev. J. D. Moose, Charlotte; the Rev. W. L. Walters, Covington, Va.

20. The following committees were read by the Clerk.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE & PREACHER

W. C. Reed, Paul K. Drum, G. S. Whisnant
W. E. Garrison, T. H. Roach

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Perry Hewitt, J. W. Bowles, E. W. Friday
L. B. Beal, R. G. Short

DIGEST OF LETTERS

E. F. Sullivan, J. C. Sherwood, H. W. Baucom

TO EXAMINE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MODERATOR

R. K. Redwine, J. A. Hudson, R. G. Mace

NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. W. Marr, L. M. Kanipe, L. R. Williams

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

L. R. Williams

21. Hymn, "Work for the Night Is Coming".

22. Benediction by the Rev. C. H. Henderson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Association reconvened at 1:25 P. M.

23. The Rev. W. C. Reed, Acting Vice Moderator called the Association to order.

24. Hymns: "All Hail the Power" and "Throw Out the Life-Line".

25. The Moderator, L. L. Hatfield took the chair.

26. The Moderator appointed the following as a Committee on Credentials:

W. R. Bradshaw, W. W. Marr, L. R. Williams

27. The Worship Period was led by the Rev. James C. Sherwood using the theme: "The Church at Philadelphia" after which Dr. Hoyt Blackwell led in prayer.

28. Executive Committee's Report was read by the Rev. E. F. Sullivan and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee has held five meetings during the year.

The committee consulted with the leaders of the different departments of the association, and arranged for the meeting places throughout the year so that we might cover all parts of the association with either a Union Meeting, a W. M. U. meeting, a B. T. U. meeting, or a Sunday School meeting, and that without overlapping.

The committee planned and carried out fifth Sunday Meetings and the Spring Session. The latter was combined with one meeting because they both fell on the same month.

Both the chairman and the Moderator attended the Moderator's meeting at Thomasville this summer.

We have sought in every way possible to encourage every phase of the work in the Association.

As authorized by the Association, we elected Brother J. A. Hudson to represent the Biblical Recorder in the Association; and following further your instruction, we elected Brother James C. Sherwood as assistant Clerk of this body.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN, Chairman

29. At this time Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, President, Mars Hill College, was welcomed to the pulpit and he spoke on the "Imperative of a Christian College."

30. At this time several one minute reports from the several churches were heard.

31. Dr. Bradshaw read the Report of the Committee on Credentials which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

We your Committee on Credentials report as follows: That the Alba Baptist Church was regularly organized, and adopted the Baptist Convenant and Declaration of Faith. We recommend that this church be taken under the watch-care of the Association for twelve months.

W. R. BRADSHAW, Chairman
W. W. MARR
L. R. WILLIAMS

32. The State Missions Report by the Rev. W. C. Laney was read by Miss Edith Breedlove and discussed by the Rev. L. R. Williams, and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Around 1900 years ago Jesus said, using Weymouth's translation, Matt. 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations; baptize them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; and teach them to observe every command which I have given you. And re-

member, I am with you always, day by day, until the Close of the Age" We seem to have gotten a misunderstanding and have gone out to make church members, and we write to the Biblical Recorder about the great meetings we have had, but Jesus said to make disciples. The objective of State Missions for over a hundred years has been to win people to witness for Christ. Now this is what we are about the Jesus' program in the state. We aid a few preachers to preach to the poor, and also help with building a few church houses at various places. We have two general missionaries who have to try to cover the whole state. We do a little teaching and training. We have a few part time workers to visit the sick in the state tuberculosis sanatoriums and in the school for wayward girls near Aberdeen. State Missions provide a few whole or part time student secretaries to work among college students. Also there are two Negro missionaries to work with a quarter of a million Negro Baptists. We have one missionary and his wife working with the Indians in Robeson County. If the South Fork Association had a vision of the Kingdom of God, we could do all that the whole state is doing. Last but not least, State Missions put on two Pastor's Schools, one at Mars Hill College for two weeks, and one at Meredith College for one week, and to the shame of this great South Fork Association, there was not a preacher from what we call our leading churches that spent as much as one week at either of these schools, and that is a part of the work of State Missions. OH! you say, that is for you little preachers. I am sorry, but you could count them on one hand all of us little preachers that spent one week at those great schools.

Again we use the words of our Lord in Weymouth's translation, "Sleep on and rest". I think we preachers have heard the words "Sleep on and rest". But what about these? "See, the moment is close at hand when the Son of man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinful men. Rouse yourselves. Let us be going. My betrayer is close at hand." When will we rouse ourselves and face the world as He faced it and live as He lived and die as He died?

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. LANEY.

33. Hymn, "Standing On The Promises".

34. Solo by Miss Stella Coulter, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say".

35. Home Mission Report by the Rev. Hoyle Love, discussed by same and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Christ was a world citizen with a world mission. "The uttermost part of the earth" was His objective, but His homeland was the point of approach. He organized a mission movement in His homeland for a world-mission objective. He ordained twelve apostles for the world-work of bring in the kingdom of God, but He sent them only to His own people. Later He appointed seventy other missionaries, but they were commanded to go only to the cities that He Himself would visit. It seems that Christ, the great Head of the Churches, was in these early missionary undertakings, setting the churches, in the very first of their experience, to their divinely appointed task and giving them, under His own personal supervision, special training in the method by which they were to accomplish the work of evangelizing the world. We should follow Christ's method. He knew that if the religion He brought into the world was to be-

come world-wide it must root in the life of His own people. If we would send the Gospel to the whole world we must have behind our efforts the resources and the vital life of an evangelized people. Three things necessary: motive, money, and men. Only Christians will stand behind a mission program. During the last 94 years the Board has employed individually and in cooperation with other mission agencies, 44,000 misionaries and workers for one year, or one missionary for 44,000 years. These missionaries have baptized 865,000 people, which is equal to one out of every five of our total number of church members. They have organized 8,600 churches, which equal to one out of every three of our total number of churches.

We have now 371 missionaries working in 756 mission stations. Last year we added 39 to our mission force, opened 64 new mission stations, and acquired 20 chapels. 29,226 Bibles, testaments, and protions of Scripture and over 790,000 tracts were distributed. They have preached 29,454 sermons, led over 5,250 to Christ, and received in the churches 3,835.

Respectfully submitted,
HOYLE LOVE.

36. Foreign Mission Report by the Rev. Morris Baker, discussed by same and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Now we have 437 missionaries on 16 fields. During these six years we have apointed 157 new recruits and reappointed 32 former missionaries, 62 elderly missionaries have been retired and given a steady, substantial pension through the Baptist Relief and Annuity Board. The Board's debt is only $279,500.00, we have paid $830,500.00 on the principal of our debt during the past six years. Our budget receipts for the past quarter show a $20,000.00 increase over the same period a year ago.

Respectfully submitted,
MORRIS BAKER.

37. The Rev. W. W. Marr reported for the following for the Committee on Nominations for Executive Committee; the following were elected:

TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
For Two Years

E. B. Goodin, Lincolnton, to take the place of J. L. Proctor.

For Three Years

L. M. Kanipe, Lincolnton.
M. S. Brittain, Rt. 1, Hickory.
W. C. Reed, Rt. 1, Newton.

38. The Report of the Auditing Committee was made and adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books and investigate the securities in the Investment Fund, report that we have carefully checked all receipts, and disbursements and we find them to be cor-

rect. We commend the Treasurer on his careful and faithful handling of the finances of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
L. B. BEAL, Chairman
PERRY D. HEWITT,
R. G. SHORT,
E. W. FRIDAY.

39. The Committee to Report on Place and Preacher made the following which was adopted for the 1940 meeting:

PLACE: The First Baptist Church, Lincolnton.
PREACHER: The Rev. O. S. Ulmer.
ALTERNATE: The Rev. James C. Sherwood.

40. Solo by Mrs. L. P. Frans, "My Prayer".

41. The Rev. O. S. Ulmer introduced Dr. M. A. Huggins, General Secretary, North Carolina Baptist Convention, who addressed the body on "Che Only Way."

42. Hymn, "Near the Cross".

43. Benediction by the Rev. R. G. Mace.

EVENING SESSION

The South Fork Association reconvened at 7:05 P. M.

44. The Moderator, L. L. Hatfield, called the Association to order.

45. Hymn, "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross".

46. Prayer was led by the Rev. Martin Abernethy.

47. Hymns, "We Are Marching to Zion"; "At the Cross".

48. The Worship Period was led by the Rev. W. C. Read using as his theme, "The Church at Ephesus".

49. The Training Union Report was read by A. A. Buchanan, discussed by same and adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

We have 20 unions in our 41 churches in the South Fork Association, this leaves 21 churches without unions. In these 21 churches there are 2,396 church members and 2,493 enlisted in Sunday School. In our 20 churches with unions there are 5,438 church members and 6,871 enrolled in Sunday School, with an enrollment in the Training Unions of 1,357. In the state there are 2,468 churches and 1,222 Training Unions, this represents slightly under 50% of churches with unions. With one new Training Union added this year in the South Fork Association, making 21 churches out of 41 with B. T. U.'s. Our record for this association is a little above 50%:

Therefore our Assets are:
21 Churches with unions. 1,357 enrolled.
Our Liabilities are:
20 Churches without unions. 6,477 unenrolled church members.
These figures are based on last year's reports.

Since last November there have been 432 Training Union Awards issued to our Association. One new Training Union organized, 2 new Intermediate unions, one Junior union, and one Story Hour; however, there has been a loss of one Senior union and one Story Hour.

Realizing as never before the necessity for trained leaders, the need of training unions in every church should be encouraged. All Christian leaders of Churches without Unions should feel responsible for trying to set up Unions in their churches, for out of the Unions come our teachers and church leaders. And also realizing that our children are being better educated in the state schools the church should step forward in Christian training and leadership to meet the demands of our young people for more Christian education and knowledge. We as Christians and church members should take our B.T.U.'s more seriously, remember to pray for and attend.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. BUCHANAN.

50. Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Associational Training Union Director, spoke on "More Need for Trained Christian Leaders".

51. Hymn—"At the Cross."

52. Temperance and Public Morals report was read by the Rev. E. F. Sullivan, discussed by the same, and adopted.

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS REPORT

Most of this report will be given to a discussion of the alcohol evil. There are other evils which blight public morals and hurt tremendously the cause of Christ. Among them might be named gambling, divorce, sexual laxness, and Sabbath desecration, and many other evils, any of which could easily fill up the space allotted in the minutes for this report. But the writer feels that intemperance is the most prevalent of all these evils and that it stands connected with all that is lowest and most vicious in human conduct.

Liquor is an evil and only an evil. Liquor dealers are a lawless set, and with but few exceptions are always lawless. Liquor has rightly been called the great destroyer. It destroys fortunes, destroys automobiles, destroys homes, destroys health, destroys minds, and destroys souls. What we say against hard liquor we also say against beer and wine, the old difference is the amount of alcohol. The beer room is a little brother to the barroom. Why should not all Baptists fight alcohol demon as they would the very Devil himself?

We have fought the legalizers of liquor to a standstill in the State. In the last 23 elections called by the wets, they have won only eight. They have not carried a single county in more than two years. The election in Catawba county last year was the turning point, this was realized by both the wets and the drys. The Charlotte Observer and many other of the leading papers called attention to the fact that it was a test vote to decide, as the Observer put it, "whether the wets could establish an oasis in the dry desert known as the western part of North Carolina". That election with its overwhelming dry vote also relieved pressure on the General Assembly for further privileges in the way of liquor legislation.

Two more things should claim our earnest attention right away. One is the state-wide referendum. The State is in a muddle, three-fourths dry and one-fourth wet. Conditions are far from satisfactory to either the drys or the wets. Why cannot the voters, as a whole have a say so in this matter? We may be wrong, but we know what we want better than those who have been representing or misrepresenting us. The General Assembly has been afraid to let it come to a vote. They know North Carolina has always voted dry when given a chance.

The other thing that needs our attention is the organization of our local people, especially our Baptist people, to fight for law enforcement, and to fight for the election of dry officials. Often in the campaign in Catawba county last year, it was thrown into our faces that we would turn things over to the bootleggers even if we won the election. And immediately after the election we were challenged to go ahead and clean up bootlegging. Of course they wanted to taunt us more than they wanted bootlegging eradicated. But for many reasons it behooves us as Christians to seek to eliminate liquor drinking and liquor selling, both legal and illegal.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

53. Hymn—"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

54. Solo by Mrs. L. P. Frans, "The Ninety and Nine."

55. Hon. T. P. Pruitt introduced the Honorable Judge Johnson J. Hayes, United States District Court, Middle District, North Carolina, who addressed the Association on "How to Promote Temperance".

56. Motion prevailed that an offering be taken for the United Dry Forces. This offering was taken and it amounted to $14.35.

57. Hymn—"Throw Out the Life Line."

58. Dr. M. A. Adams of the United Dry Forces spoke briefly and then pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1939
MORNING SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 9:20 A. M.

59. The Moderator called the Association to order.

60. Hymns—"Higher Ground" and " 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus."

61. The Worship Period was led by the Rev. E. J. Harrell, using the theme, "The Church of the Laodiceans."

62. At this time the Moderator welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. U. W.

Malcolm, Hampton, Tennessee; Brother Malcolm is Vice-Moderator of the Watauga Baptist Association, Tennessee.

63. The Rev. J. L. Teague, of the Alexander Association, was welcomed.

64. Hymn—"Trust and Obey."

65. Prayer was led by the Rev. C. H. Henderson.

66. Report of the South Fork Baptist Sunday School Convention by G .C. Hewitt.

REPORT OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

God has wonderfully blessed the South Fork Association with well equipped Sunday Schools. There has been much progress in the forty Sunday Schools throughout the Association in many ways, during the past seven years that I have been general superintendent. Many have enlarged their buildings, enlarged their organizations, enlarged their enrollments, and added many to their church rolls by baptism through the Sunday Schools. The Sunday School convention has held its regular meetings every first Sunday afternoon in each month during the past twelve months, with an average attendance of only 106, out of 9000 Sunday School members. Out of 28 pastors, attendance was from 2 to 5. Out of 40 superintendents, the attendance was from 4 to 12. Out of 40 Sunday Schools, 11 to 20 were represented at these meetings. Out of 40 Sunday Schools, 15 to 24 mailed in their report cards.

During the past twelve months seven vacation Bible Schools were held in the various churches, and 21 training courses were taught in the various Sunday Schools. It is a great help for all of our Sunday Schools to have as many training courses held as possible. We need trained workers.

May God continue to bless the work and progress of the Sunday Schools throughout the Association, and may they all continue to grow.

G. C. HEWITT, General Superintendent,
South Fork Sunday School Convention.

67. The Bible School report was read by the Rev. C. H. Henderson, discussed by the same, and was adopted.

BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

The Bible School has had a place in the program of the followers of Jehovah God through all their history. Joshua and the children of Israel were reminded that the presence of God with them depended upon their knowledge of God's law and their obedience to it. A knowledge of God and His ways was the outstanding message of Solomon. Jesus upon entering His earthly minstry became a teacher. In the Great Commission Jesus commands His followers to make and baptize disciples, and then He added: "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The apostolic church was a school in which the people were taught the plan of salvation and character of God.

In the monastic age and under the robe of the priesthood, the Bible school lost its in religious history. Out of that age of adulterated Bible school comes most of the "isms" and traditional so-called Christianity of today.

For a number of years we have been making a gesture through what we call the Sunday School of getting back to the Bible school in our religious life. During these years many souls have been led to a saving knowledge of Jesus through the Sunday School. During the past year more than 4,000 non-Christians attended our Sunday Schools in the South Fork Association. No doubt many of these were convicted of their lost condition and the power of Jesus to save. The service to humanity of that noble army of Sunday School officers and teachers in our association will only be known in heaven. May God increase the number and efficiency of that army.

We say that our efforts toward the potentialities of the Bible School have only been a gesture; not because of what has been done, but because of what has not been done. We have not yet produced a Christian civilization in this land of many churches. We are more pagan than Christian. Pagan people are ignorant of God and His ways. So are we. Pagans are victims of superstition and traditional religion. So are we. Pagans worship gods. So do we.

As we face a new year shall we not resolve to give the Bible school our heartiest support and through it magnify all of our work? Through the Bible school we have the opportunity of magnifying the church as the mother of all of our agencies and auxiliaries through which we accomplish our various tasks. In and through the Bible school we enlist and train workers, teach Baptist doctrines, teach missions, and seek to win the lost to Christ. Last, but not least, we are to magnify Christ both by precept and example. The need of the hour is not primarily more knowledge of the Bible—as important as this is— but it is that we translate the ideals of Jesus into daily living, so that the lost will be attached to God's house through our lives, and thus be led to Christ and instructed in His word.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. HENDERSON, Committee

68. T. P. Pruitt addressed the body on "The Mission of the Sunday School". The Rev. W. W. Rimmer, Rutherfordton was welcomed.

69. Dr. Smith Hagaman, Supt. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem and Dr. John Arch McMillan, Editor, Charity and Children, Thomasville, were welcomed.

70. Hymn, "My Redeemer".

71. The Report on the Ministers' Retirement Plan was read by Dr. R. K. Redwine, discussed by the same, and adopted.

THE MINISTERS' RETIREMENT PLAN

The function of the Plan is to prevent dependency and helplessness among ministers who are retired by churches. The major purpose is to benefit the minister and his family if he lives beyond the age of sixty-five or when he retires at a later date. It also provides for disability benefits prior to retirement and benefits for widow in case of his death either before or after retirement.

MEMBERSHIP

All pastors of churches affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of N. C. or a person who is a full time employee of such a Baptist Church.

COST

Four percent of the cash salary received if full benefits are to be received; but no member may pay on a salary more than $4000.00.

One may enter the plan on the basis of two percent or three percent but all benefits will be reduced in proportion.

The plan proposed is 4-4-$18.00. The pastor pays 4% of his salary, the church 4%, and the Convention $18.00. For example, if his salary is $1,000.00, the pastor pays $40.00; the church $40.00; and the Convention $18.00. The $18.00 is paid to all cooperating full-time pastors, regardless of salary.

BENEFITS

Retirement Benefits—He may retire at the age of sixty-five. Retirement at this age is voluntary. He must participate at least a year before retirement.

Those retiring in 1941 will receive an annuity, annually for the remainder of their lives equivalent to 25% of their average annual salary upon which the payments have been made; provided they have had 33 1/3 years of service for which credit is allowed at the time of retirement. If the retiring pastor has fewer than 33 1/3 years of service, 3% will be deducted for each year less than 33 1/3. After 1941 the percentage increases three percent each year until 1953. Those retiring 1953 or after will receive 50% of the average annual salary on which payments have been made provided all such pastors have participated from its beginning on July 1, 1939; or from the beginning of their ministry in N. C. if after July 1, 1939.

Disability Benefits—If a member becomes disabled before reaching the age of 65, he will receive 25% of his computed salary up to $500.00 per year.

Widows and Childrens Benefits—If a member dies before reaching disability or retirement, the annuity for the widow will be as great as the accumulated credits will permit. If the member dies after entering upon the age of annuity, the surviving widow will receive annually during the remainder of her life, one-half the amount her husband was receiving, provided she has lived with him continuously for 25 years. In the event she has not, 4% for each year less than 25 that she has lived with him as wife will be deducted. Her annuity ceases if she remarries.

WITHDRAWALS—BORROWING

A member may retire from the plan and draw out all he has paid in and the accumulated interest, at any time, by giving 60 days notice.

In an emergency a member may borrow up to 25% of his own accumulaetd credits.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD K. REDWINE.

72. The Baptist Hospital Report was read by the Rev. H. B. Jones, discussed by same and adopted.

THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

Our Baptist Hospital, located in Winston-Salem, received its first patient May 28, 1923. Since that date 44,635 patients have been treated (July 14, 1939). A little more than 4,000 were treated last year. This number will not be increased this year as we have gone the limit. A little more than one-third of these were service patients, that is, they paid little or nothing. About 90% of these came from outside of Winston-Salem.

It is always interesting to note the large number of mothers who have families of children at home. More than 1,000 of these last year were blessed to return to their more than 3,000 children.

The Hospital treated last year about 100 preachers, missionaries and ministerial students. Almost all of these were free service.

The Hospital with its fine staff of 72 doctors and four internes rendered

during last year $197,177.00 of free service. We have 42 specialists on our free service staff.

The Hospital has a staff of 82 nurses, 51 are students in training. It is interesting to note that these come from almost every county in the state. A fair idea can be obtained any day by a check up on any of the large wards. A few days ago it was demonstrated that seven patients in a ward were an average of 102 miles from home.

It is little less than a tragedy that during the past year the hospital has been compelled to turn away more than 2,000 patients for the lack of room. During the year, it is estimated that 1,000 patients in Winston-Salem, who could pay their bills, were turned away in order that the hospital might take those who could not pay a hospital bill. Plans are going forward immediately to add 100 more bed space to the hospital, giving the hospital a bed capacity of 212. This will enable the hospital to treat 8,000 patients each year. This ought not to be a difficult task for a denomination comprising a membership of almost a half million. For the expense of caring for these multitudes of sick who cannot pay, we must look largely to the Mothers' Day Offering and free donations of the hospital linen by the W. M. U.'s and other church organizations. We recommend to our association that we increase our gifts to the hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. JONES.

73. Mrs. J. W. Bowles addressed the body on the "Mothers' Day Offering.'

74. Dr. Smith Hagaman, Supt., Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, spoke concerning the work and the enlargement program of the hospital.

75. Hymn, "How Firm A Foundation."

76. The Rev. W. W. Marr acting as Moderator.

77. The Report on Evangelism was read by the Rev. O. S. Ulmer, discussed by same and adopted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

"The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost". "Go ye and make disciples of every creature."

These two statements of our Lord show very clearly that Evangelism—the winning of the lost—is the foundation principle of His great Kingdom program. Realizing this fact, the Southern Baptist Convention requested all of its churches to emphasize evangelism during the year 1939. We are cooperating with this program in the South Fork Association. As a result of this effort there have been 55 revival meetings held in the churches of the Association. Every church reported at least one meeting during the year except one. One church reported six meetings. We are also planning meetings in the near future in three communities not reached by our churches. There were 589 baptisms during the year. Five churches reported no baptisms. The total membership of the churches shows an increase this year over last of 1054. We are very grateful for the wholehearted cooperation we have received from the pastors and the churches.

Your committee recommends that we accept the recommendation of the Baptist World Alliance in a resolution adopted at the Congress held in Atlanta this year:

First, that we adopt a five year program of Evangelism in a special

effort to call our people to Repentance, to a study of the Bible, to Personal Testimony, and to a perennial program of winning the lost and developing Christians.

Second, that Sunday, December 31, 1939, be observed as a World Cay of Prayer to inaugurate this program.

Respectfully submitted,
O. S. ULMER.

78. Moderator Hatfield in the Chair.

79. At this time there was a continuance of the One-Minute Reports from the churches.

80. Hymn, "Amazing Grace."

81. Benediction by the Rev. F. G. Womack.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Association reconvened at 1:20 P. M.

82. The Moderator called the Association to order at 1:20.

83. Hymn, "To the Work".

84. Solo by the Rev. U. W. Malcolm, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross".

85. The Worship Period was led by the Rev. O. S. Ulmer using the theme, "The Churches of Galatia", after this Brother Ulmer led in prayer.

86. The Report of the Promotion Committee was read by the Rev. E. F. Sullivan, discussed by same and adopted.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

In reality we have no Promotion Committee with the exception of the writer who is chairman, being elected by the Association.

All Pastors and other leaders of the churches were called together in Maiden on last July. A supper was served.

Goals were set for the churched by their messengers present. Plans were laid for the Every Member Canvass which is to take place this fall.

It is hoped that every single church in the Association will do its best between now and Christmas for Missions and the Orphanage. We also hope that a thorough canvass will be made for pledges for the new year. We especially urge that more people be led to tithe.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

87. Dr. R. K. Redwine read the Report on the Recommendations of the Moderator and it was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MODERATOR

Your committee appointed to consider the recommendation of the Moderator beg leave to make a favorable report as to the adopting of the three recommendations as follows:

1. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

There is need for more thorough cooperation on the part of our Sunday School Workers at large in the interest of the South Fork Sunday School Convention; I therefore recommend that the Chairman of the Executive Committee, in conjunction with the General Superintendent of the Sunday School Convention, be requested to call a meeting of all Pastors, General Superintendents, Department Superintendents, Teachers and Officers, the object being to reinforce this organization by the election of such additional officers as may be found necessary. Such meeting to be held as early as practicable at some central point.

2. TEMPERANCE

All will agree that the temperance movement should be kept alive in this Association. The splendid work done in the early part of 1928, under the leadership of the Rev. E. F. Sullivan, was prime factor in the remarkable success of the United Dry Forces at the Polls on August 8, 1938. I therefore recommend the continuation of a temperance organization in this Association, with Brother Sullivan as committee chairman or leader, and with four additional members.

3. EVANGELISM

Realizing the splendid work done by the Rev. O. S. Ulmer in the interest of evangelism throughout this Association during the past year, I recommend that this department of our work be continued, and that this committee be increased to five members.

L. L. HATFIELD, Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,
R. K. REDWINE, Chairman.

88. TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

E. F. Sullivan, Chairman
W. C. Reed
L. R. Williams
F. G. Womack
L. M. Kanipe

89. EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

O. S. Ulmer, Chairman
R. K. Redwine
J. A. Hudson
J. C. Sherwood
H. B. Jones

90. Further Recommendations by this Committee to Consider the Moderator's Recommendations was also read by Dr. R. K. Redwine and adopted.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

We further recommend that the subject of Stewardship be placed along with other subjects for Report discussion at the Annual Meetings of our Association and that a standing committee be provided for same.

We further recommend that a nominating committee be appointed by

the Moderator to make nominations for the elective officers of the Association. After this session the Nominating committee is to be named on the first day of the Annual Session.

Respectfully submitted,
R. K. REDWINE, Chairman,
J. A. HUDSON,
R. G. MACE.

91. The Orphanage Report was read by the Rev. S. M. Stroup, discussed by same and adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Although some denominational leaders had felt the need of such an institution earlier, no attempt was made to establish a Baptist Orphanage in North Carolina until 1883 when the **Biblical Recorder** projected the movement. First, Editor C. T. Bailey attempted tto create favorable sentiment by editorials such as the following in the issue of September 5, 1883. In reply to the question "Is a church required by the Scriptures to take care of the dependent orphans of deceased members?" he remarked, "We give it as our opinion that a church is under scriptural obligations to take care of its poor members, and all of the orphans left destitute by its deceased members." Then T. H. Pritchard, W. R. Gwaltney, and others endorsed this humanitarian proposal. On September 10, 1884, Pritchard wrote in the **Recorder**, "I should heartily favor putting Bro. Mills, whose work at Oxford will honor his name forever, at the head of the enterprise, and invest him with full authority to work it up according to his own judgment."

During the session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention held at Raleigh in 1884 a state orphanage Association was formed. This Association had no organic connection with the Convention, and any person who contributed as much as one dollar became a member. Through the efforts of the Association the North Carolina Baptist Orphan Asylum was opened at Thomasville in 1885 with J. H. Mills, former editor of the **Recorder**, as General Manager.

Mills had tremendous difficulties during the first years in sustaining the establishment. W. R. Gwaltney reported in the **Recorder** for October 5, 1887, that upon visiting the Orphanage he found seventy orphans enrolled but only "13 cents in the treasury." Mills was "very gloomy," lamenting that the small crops of that year had caused the diminished contributions. In 1888 the Orphanage entered into organic connection with the Convention when the latter endorsed a recent act of the former which placed the institution under the control of a Board of Trustees of limited terms, all vacancies in said Board to be filled by the Convention.

Mills served as General Superintendent until 1895, by which time the plant was fairly well equipped. The General Superintendents since Mills have been J. B. Boone, 1895-1905; M. L. Kesler, 1905-1932; and I. G. Greer since 1932. Each has had his problems and has served them well. All have contributed to the development of our efficient system of caring for the poor and promising children that they may meet tthe duties and responsibilities of life. Since 1885 N. C. Baptists have adopted and aided nearly 5,000 orphans.

At present the responsibility of managing the Orphanage rests on the able shoulders of Supt. I. G. Greer, Treas. R. D. Covington, and the editor of the Charity and Children, J. A. McMillan. In the Mills Home and the Kennedy Home together there are now about 600 children. They are under Christian matrons and teachers. Living conditions are excellent and the health record is unparalleled. It is greatly to be regretted that most of the 50 to 100 applications received monthly must be rejected.

The plan of supporting the orphanage work adopted by the Convention, that is, one Sunday's offering each month and a special offering at Thanksgiving from each Sunday School, is certainly reasonable and worthy of our heartiest support.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. STROUP.

92. Dr. John Arch McMillan, Editor, Charity and Children, Mills Home, Thomasville, addressed the Association using as his subject: "PURE RELIGION."

93. Solo by Mrs. U. M. Malcolm, "Leave It There."

94. The Report on Christian Education was read by Dr. R. K. Redwine, discussed by same and adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Why should your girl or boy attend college? American leadership comes from the college trained. Only 2.5% of the adult population of the U. S. are college graduates, 1 out of 40. Of these college graduates, 1 out of 70 is listed in Who's Who. Only 1 in 1700 are high school graduates and 1 out of 51,000 are grade school graduates are listed. Nearly 87% of those in Who's Who are college graduates and a little over 13% from all the rest of the population of the U. S.

We do not need to apologize for Christian colleges. They had a worthy part in laying the foundation of our nation and rearing the superstructure. The eight coleges in existence in America prior to 1776 were Christian colleges: Harvard, William & Mary, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Rutgers, and Dartmouth.

Forty-seven of the fifty-five who signed the Declaration of Independence were graduates from denominational schools. Eight of our Country's first chief justices were college graduates, seven from Christian schools. Eighteen of our nation's presidents have been college graduates, sixteen of them have been graduates from Christian Colleges.

The men who founded this nation and those who have maintained its integrity through the years have received their training in Christian schools.

North Carolina Baptists own two Senior Colleges, Wake Forest and Meredith; and their junion colleges, Chowan, Campbell, and Mars Hill. These colleges have a combined faculty of more than 200, enrollment about 3000 and graduate each year above 300. These schools maintain a high standard of scholarship, offer superior training and the product of these schools is not lacking in any point when compared with other schools.

It is not only the duty of Baptist people to patronize and support these schools but they should count it a great privilege to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD K. REDWINE.

95. There were more One-Minute Reports from the Churches at this time; this completed this, and the following Churches made no report: Bethel, Brookford, Gainesville, Kid's Chapel, Reepsville, and Salem.

96. Solo by Mrs. Robert Boatright, "Lord's Prayer".

97. At this time there was some favorable discussion concerning Moderator Hatfield's Recommendations.

98. The Memorial Service was led by the Rev. R. G. Mace. The Rev. L. R. Williams spoke concerning the life and work of the late Rev. Charles G. Ellis, Pastor First Baptist Church, Maiden, for several years; and, the Rev. E. F. Sullivan spoke concerning the life and work of the late Rev. Jack Keller, Pastor Warlicks Baptist Church, near Connelly Springs, for several years.

IN MEMORIAM

Since the last meeting of our Association a year ago, the following members of our Churches have passed into the presence of the King:

BROOKFORD
Mr. Hugh Reinhardt
Mr. C. S. Reinhardt
Miss Dora Bright

WEST HICKORY
Mr. A. J. Teague, Jr.
Mr. Albert Morrison
Miss Mary Pierce

LAWING'S CHAPEL
Deacon Ben Beal
Mrs. Mattie Sigmon
Mr. Dock Sigmon

MACEDONIA
Mrs. Caroline Lawing
Mrs. McCalister
Mrs. Margaret V.Chapman

CORINTH
Mrs. R. M. Stallings
Mr. J. W. Smith

HICKORY FIRST
Mrs. J. A. Martin
Mrs. J. A. Sellers
Mrs. P. R. Hilton
Deacon Roy P. Snyder

HIGHLAND
Mr. J. A. Morris
Mr. W. W. Isenhour

LINCOLNTON FIRST
Mr. J. O. Allen
Mrs. N. F. Hovis

EAST MAIDEN
Mr. Perry Cline
Mr. C. W. West
Mrs. C. E. Beaver
Mrs. P. L. Turner

BOGER CITY
Mrs. Mary Cresen

WARLICK'S
Pastor Jack R. Keller

MAIDEN FIRST
Pastor Chas. G. Ellis
Mr. Henderson Hewitt
Mr. T. T. Bumgardner
Mrs. Annie Bolick
Mrs. Ed. Campbell
Mrs. Dan Campbell
Mrs. James W. Williams

MOUNTAIN GROVE
Deacon Hosey Huffman
Mrs. C. O. Abernethy

NEWTON FIRST
Mr. Claude Brevard Beard
Mr. Rodney Boston
Mrs. Gordon Burris
Mrs. Austin T. Wood
Mr. J. P. Robinson

SALEM
Mrs. J. A. Hovis

SOUTHSIDE
Mrs. C. C. Canipe
Mrs. Harwood Eaker
Mrs. E. C. Huss

MT. RUHAMA
Mr. J. T. Huitt
Mis Nancy Caldwell

MOUNT ZION
Deacon Robert Nance
Mr. Loy Helderman
Mr. Wade Black

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Mr. F. E. Litten
Mrs. Maggie Perkins

NORTH NEWTON
Mrs. W. N. Whisnant
Mrs. Charles Whitener
Mrs. B. M. Burke

OLIVET
Mr. Eubert Pope
Mrs. P. R. Blackwood
Mrs. Fred Kale

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO PASTOR CHARLES G. ELLIS

Brother Charles G. Ellis, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Maiden, N. C., died suddenly November 15, 1938. He was faithful even to the end, for he was rendering service only a few hours before God called him to His eternal home.

Brother Ellis was an affectionate husband and father, and was highly esteemed by his family as a consecrated Christian man; and as a preacher and pastor he was deeply devoted to his work. He served many of the leading churches in McDowell and Mitchell, and adjoining counties, where his infiuence as pastor and evangelist will continue to live. He was the faithful pastor of the First Baptist Church of Maiden for four years, to which church he rendered sacrificial service. He was an humble and sincere minister of the Gospel. God called him home, but his influence lives on.

—L. R. Williams.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO PASTOR JACK KELLER

Brother Jack Keller, Pastor of Warlicks Baptist Church in this Association, passed to his eternal reward on January 25, 1939.

Brother Keller was a young man of fine Christian character and was always interested in advancing the cause of the Master. He was held in high esteem by the churches which he had served. Brother Keller will be greatly missed by a host of friends in both Catawba and Alexander counties. We pray God's blessings on his widow, Mrs. Katie Keller, who so faithfully ministered to him during his long illness.

—E. F. Sullivan.

Respectfully submitted,
R. G. MACE.

99. Motion prevailed to ask the Rev. L. R. Williams to write a Tribute of Respect to the late Charles G. Ellis; and, to ask the Rev. E. F. Sullivan to write the same to the late Rev. Jack Keller. These were done and are included in the above report.

100. The Rev. O. S. Ulmer spoke on the Atlanta Congress of the Baptist World Alliance which met last July.

101. The Rev. L. R. Williams read the report on resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

We wish to submit the following resolutions:

First, we express our thanks to our Moderator, and clerks; and to Mrs. L. P. Frans and Mrs. R. M. Perry, who have directed our music; and, all who have had a part on the program for their faithful service in this session of the Association.

Second, we express our thanks to this church in cooperation with the First Church and members of the other denominations for the great way in which they have entertained this association.

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. WILLIAMS.

102. The Rev. E. F. Sullivan read the Report on the Digest of Letters, discussed by same and Dr. J. A. McMillan and adopted.

DIGEST OF LETTERS

Baptisms	593—a loss of 2
Church Membership	8415—a gain of 1054
Sunday School Enrollment	8964—a loss of 300
Baptist Training Union Enrollment	1389—a gain of 32
Woman's Missionary Union Enrollment	1311—a loss of 12
Gifts to Local Work	$77,169.01—a gain of $12,967.76
Missions and Benevolences	18,627.72—a gain of 2,645.15
Orphanage	3,204.85—a gain of 302.22
Total Gifts for All Purposes	$98,991.58—a gain of $15,933.13

19 Churches reported W. M. U. Organizations.
18 Churches reported B. T. U.'s
2 Churches gave nothing to missions.
7 Churches gave nothing to the Orphanage.
5 Churches reported no baptisms.
Every Church sent its letter to the Clerk.
Every Church was represented by Messengers to this body.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN, Chairman,
H. W. BAUCOM,
J. C. SHERWOOD.

103. The Rev. J. A. Hudson spoke concerning the Biblical Recorder Clubs.

104. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Program Committee	Nominating Committee
W. C. Reed	Hoyle Love
W. E. Garrison	H. W. Baucom
L. M. Kanipe	L. B. Beal

State Missions	G. R. Miller
Home Missions	L. A. McLure
Foreign Missions	F. G. Womack
Baptist Hospital	Mrs. J. W. Bowles
Memorials	E. J. Harrell
Temperance	S. M. Stroup
Orphanage	T. H. Caldwell
Baptist Periodicals	W. R. Bradshaw
Bible Schools	J. C. Sherwood
Christian Education	J. A. Hudson
Ministerial Relief and Retirement	E. F. Sullivan
Woman's Missionary Union	Mrs. W. G. Bandy
Baptist Training Union	Haskell Sides
Stewardship	R. K. Redwine

105. At this time the Moderator asked the Assistant Clerk to read the report on the Registration, which is as follows:

Messengers and Alternates	135
Visitors in the Association	161
Pastors of the Association	23
Ministers not Pastors of the Association	5
Baptist Visitors outside of the Association	18
Visitors from Other Denominations:	
Methodist	8
Reformed	2
Lutheran	2
Presbyterian	1
Total	375
Less Duplications	4
Total Registered	371

106. At this time the election of officers for the coming year was called for and the Rev. C. H. Henderson acted as Moderator. The following were unanimously elected:

Moderator	L. L. Hatfield
Vice Moderator	W. E. Garrison
Clerk	M. S. Brittain
Assistant Clerk	J. C. Sherwood
Treasurer	J. Y. Killian
Association Sunday School Superintendent (Left in hands of Ex. Comm.)	
Chairman of the Promotion Committee	E. F. Sullivan
Association Chairman, Promotion Committee	R. K. Redwine
Training Union Director	Elizabeth Campbell
W. M. U. Superintendent	Mrs. R. H. Bowles
Orphanage Representative	T. P. Pruitt
Biblical Recorder Club Representative	J. A. Hudson

107. At this time the Rev. Hoyle Love, in his unique way, presented Brother L. L. Hatfield as the reelected Moderator; Brother Hatfield answered with appropriate remarks.

108. The Rev. E. F. Sullivan spoke in appreciation of the great work that Brother G. C. Hewitt had been doing for the past several years as Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

109. Hymn—"Blest Be The Tie."

110. Benediction by the Rev. Hoyle Love.

Thus the Sixty-first Annual Session of the South Fork Baptist Association passed into history.

L. L. HATFIELD, Moderator,
W. E. GARRISON, Vice Moderator,
M. S. BRITTAIN, Clerk,
J. C. SHERWOOD, Asst. Clerk.

EXHIBIT C

HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE OF MEETING	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHED SERMON
October 24, 25, 26, 1912	Maiden First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	I. T. Newton
October 23, 24, 25, 1913	Mount Holly	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. J. Beach
October 22, 23, 24, 1914	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. C. Barrett
October 27, 28, 29, 1915	West Hickory	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. S. Connell
October 25, 26, 1916	East Gastonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. D. Harte
October 31, Nov. 1, 1917	Newton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	
November 21, 22, 1918	Belmont First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. L. Vipperman
October 29, 30, 1919	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. R. Bradshaw
October 27, 28, 1920	Mountain Grove	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. W. Rimmer
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1921	Lawing's Chapel	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	
September 28, 29, 1922	River View	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. C. Whitener
September 27, 28, 1923	Catawba	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. R. Freeman
October 2, 3, 1924	Penelope	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. M. Robinson
October 1, 2, 1925	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	T. C. Singleton
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1926	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. D. Barton
September 29, 30, 1927	Corinth	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. A. Ivey
September 27, 28, 1928	Mt. Ruhama	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	R. G. Short
September 26, 27, 1929	Mount Zion	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	E. F. Hardin
October 2, 3, 1930	Warlick's	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	C. F. Pittman
October 1, 2, 1931	Maiden First	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	J. R. Cantrell
September 29, 30, 1932	Mountain Grove	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	M. I. Harris
September 28, 29, 1933	Olivet	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	R. K. Redwine
September 27, 28, 1934	Macedonia	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	W. W. Marr
October 10, 11, 1935	Providence	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	T. H. Roach
October 8, 9, 1936	River View	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	W. R. Bradshaw
October 7, 8, 1937	Catawba	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	E. F. Sullivan
October 6, 7, 1938	Boger City	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	C. H. Henderson
October 5, 6, 1939	North Newton	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	L. A. McClure

TABLE 1 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	Is It in a Village, Town, City, Co.?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	DAYS OF MEETING	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Pres. Mem.	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings During Year	Observance of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Bap. Papers
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Amity			L. A. McClure Alexis	1st & 3rd	82	4	1							87		1	2	
Antioch	Co	1922	R. W. Baucom Gastonia	2nd & 4th	47	1		1						49	No	2	1	
Bethel	Co	1895	J. B. Payne Morganton	2nd Sun.	54									54	No	1	1	
Boger City	Vil	1922	H. B. Jones Boger City	Every S.	258	44	6	1		11	1	2	1	294	Yes	1	4	11
Brookford	Vil	1910	W. C. Laney Brookford	Every S.	138			2	2	4	5	1	3	129	Yes	6	2	33
Brown Memorial	Vil	1935	W. R. Bradshaw Hickory	Every S	189	27	23	3		8		1		233	Yes	1	4	
Catawba	Vil	1874	J. A. Hudson Catawba	Ev S N, 1 & 3 M	223	6	9			6		14		218	Yes	1		11
Cedar Grove	Co	1902	M. G. Chapman Boger City	Every S.	58	2	2	1		2				61	Yes	1	3	
Center View	Co	1915	L. A. McClure Alexis	1st & 3rd	192	2	1			2				193	Yes	1	2	
Corinth	Co	1840	C. H. Henderson Hickory	2nd & 4th	173	6	1			5			2	173	Yes	1	4	11
Denver	Vil	1914	L. A. McClure Alexis	4th S.	11									11	No	1		
Faith	Co	1905			67	6	1	1				1		74	Yes	1	2	4
Gainesville	Co	1923	R. G. Blackburn Lincolnton	2nd & 4th	100	4	5			4				105		1	2	
Hickory First	Tn	1870	R. K. Redwine Hickory	Every S.	819	13	52			19	2	19	8	836	Yes	1	4	61
West Hickory	Tn	1900	W. W. Marr Hickory	Every S.	225	124	25	11		16			3	366	Yes	2	4	3
Highland	Tn	1912	E. F. Sullivan Hickory	Every S.	568	51	17	6	3	27	24	13	2	579	Yes	2	4	51
Kid's Chapel	Co	1871	P. K. Drum Maiden	4th Sun.	35				2		2			35	No	1	1	
Lawing's Chapel	Co	1908	L. A. McClure, Alexis	2nd Sun.	187	2	5	2		13			4	179	Yes	1	2	2
Leonard's Fork	Co	1882	W. F. Brown Shelby	2nd & 4th	57	2								59	No	1	2	3
Lincoln Avenue	Tn	1910	Morris Baker High Shoals	Every S.	218	2	9		1	13				217	Yes	1	2	
Lincolnton First	Tn	1859	W. C. Reed (Sup.) Newton	Every S.	275	7	23			24		2	2	277	Yes		2	22
Long Shoals	Vil	1918	A. M. Kiser Waco	2nd & 4th	28	3	1	1						33	No	1	1	1
Macedonia	Co	1922	L. A. McClure Alexis	2nd, 4th & 5th	243	15	1			3			3	253	No	1	2	
East Maiden	Tn	1927	L. R. Williams Maiden	Every S.	228	10	10			10			4	234	Yes	1	3	3
Maiden First	Tn	1890	J. C. Sherwood Maiden	Every S.	530	11	13			26		3	7	518	Yes	1	4	42
Mt. Ruhama	Co	1816	L. A. McClure Alexis	1st & 2nd	361	12	8	3		10		1	2	371	Yes		2	1
Mt. Zion	Co	1869	R. G. Mace Alexis	1st & 3rd	151		3	1		1			4	150	No	1	2	
Mtn. Grove	Co	1881	C. H. Henderson Hickory	1st & 3rd	127	3	1			4			2	125	No	1	4	1
Mt. View	Co	1900	L. A. McClure Alexis	4th S. Night	156	2				3			2	153		1	2	
Newton First	Tn	1882	O. S. Ulmer Newton	Every S.	349	54	51	2	6	6		6	5	445	Yes	1	4	4
North Newton	Tn	1921	Hoyle Love Newton	Every S.	152	23	9	2	3	10	4		3	172	Yes	2	4	10
Olivet	Co	1833	J. A. Hudson Catawba	2nd & 4th	232	13	5		10	4			3	253	No	1	1	3
Penelope	Vil	1888	F. G. Womack Hickory	Twice Every S.	415	78	13	4		18			2	490	Yes	2	4	1
Piney Grove	Co	1905	R. G. Short Hickory	1st & 3rd	52	7	4			2				61	No	1	2	
Providence	Co	1878	C. H. Henderson Hickory	2nd & 4th	136	1	4							141	No	2	4	1
Reepsville	Co	1888	E. W. Friday Dallas	1st & 3rd	116	3	3			4				118	No	1	1	1
River View	Vil	1897	L. M. Kanipe Lincolnton	Twice E. 1 & 3	190	13	15		3	14		1		206	Yes	2	4	15
Salem	Co	1848	E. W. Friday Dallas	2nd & 4th	109	11		1		1			1	119	No	1	1	
Sharon	Co	1884	S. M. Stroup Alexis	2nd & 4th	67	12	3	2		3				81	Yes	1	2	
Southside	Co	1925		2nd & 4th	144	4	9	2					3	156	No	1	4	
Warlicks	Co	1932	Grant Miller Granite Falls	1st & 3rd	123	12	8			4			1	138	Yes	2	1	2
TOTALS					7885	590	341	46	30	277	38	64	67	8446		52	100	297

TABLE II
SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years & Up	Extension Dept.	Gen. and Dept. Officers	Have You A Mission S. S.?	Enrollment of Mission S. S.	Total Enrol. M. S. & O. T. & P.	What is Your Av. Attendance?	Baptisms from Sunday School	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers with Diplomas	Enrollment of Vacation School	Average Atten. of Vacation School	No. Depts. of Vacation School
Amity	R. M. Goodson Lincolnton																				
Antioch	A. L. Smith Lincolnton																				
Bethel	W. B. Mullen Linctolnton		12	8		15		24		6	No		65	30		No	No				No
Boger City	J. E. Burke Boger City	73	24	36	70	52	57	142		5			459	205	37	Yes	No	18	No		
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	29	37	41	76	45	58	27		4			317	140					126	72	14
Brown Memorial	Z. W. Brown Hickory	16	23	32	45	33	68	46	4	11			278	144	21	Yes	No		65	60	6
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	12	14	22	23	22	27	54	14	4	No		192	107	3	Yes	No		52	50	19
Cedar Grove	J. T. Howington Maiden	4	5	8	13	25	12	15		12			94	38	2	No	No				
Center View	J. P. Turbyfill Maiden													112		No					
Corinth	C. C. Propst Hickory		5	13	13	24	23	36		14			128	62	5	Yes	No				
Denver																					
Faith	Robert Hilton Stanley		4	4	3	2	7	15			No		35	24	2	No	No				
Gainesville	Z. T. Wise Lincolnton			26	25	18	10	29		7			115	76	4	No					
Hickory First	T. P. Pruitt Hickory	118	51	91	121	135	132	326	50	28			1052	476	8	Yes	No	30			
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz Hickory	37	66	70	85	89	87	247	12	16	No		709	331	86	Yes	No	3			
Highland	E. M. Suggs Hickory	24	38	70	86	83	97	170	53	21	Yes	108	750	333	50	Yes	No	10			
Kids Chapel	Mrs. Abner Keever Iron Sta.		6		8		20	12		5			51	40		No					
Lawings Chapel	G. E. Beal Lincolnton		9	14	27	30	22	53		5			160	104		Yes	No				
Leonards Fork	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse			5	10	20		15			No		50	30	10	No					
Lincoln Avenue	J. A. Sain Lincolnton	11	21		44	34	58	57		5			230	196		Yes	No	1			
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincolnton	19	10	22	32	37	38	54	21	13	No		246	116	7	Yes	No	20	152	140	
Long Shoals	J. F. Gates Lincolnton	17	14	14	13	7	21	22		1			109	45		Yes	No	1			
Macedonia	M. L. Cash Lincolnton	11	15	17	23	8	7			10			91	69	14						
East Maiden	Cliff Tarbyfill Maiden	18	23	25	43	34	60	45		12			260	240	10	No		12	60	42	35
Maiden First	W. C. Laney Maiden	30	21	37	64	55	118	112		5	No		442	246	8	Yes	No				
Mt. Ruhama	Geo. W. Caldwell Newton	15	20	26	31	62	41	131	2				328	270	8	Yes					
Mt. Zion			8	6	14	22	25	22					97	54							
Mountain Grove	C. S. Echard Hickory	12	15	18	17	27	25	28					142								
Mountain View														70	2				97		12
Newton First	E. T. Harrell Newton	20	29	43	83	62	82	132	8	13			472	293	54	Yes	No				
North Newton	C. F. Witherspoon Newton	22	28	35	53	38	70	76		6	No		328	171	22	Yes	Yes				
Olivet	J. C. Sanders Catawba	18	15	15	29	41	55	69		7	No		249	160	12	Yes	No		57	48	6
Penelope	V. C. Martin Hickory	18	30	70	83	90	42	105		17			455	213	49	Yes	No				
Piney Grove	P. E. Caldwell Catawba		9	9	18	12	12	27		2			89	45	7	No					
Providence	M. S. Brittain Hickory	8	6	9	18	26	32	28	4	16			147	76		Yes	No				
Reepsville	McKinley Seronce Vale			16	12	10	18	25		12	No		93	85	4	Yes	No	6			
River View	F. J. Young Lincolnton		10	20	50	55	50	85			No		270	172	8	Yes	No				
Salem	Paul Cloninger High Shoals		18	8	10		40	15		8	No		99	60	9	No					
Sharon	S. T. Dellinger Iron Sta.		14		8		13	22			No		57	33	12	Yes	No				
South Side	Vernon Smith South Side	22	10	15	25	19	35	60		3			189	130	4		No				
Warlicks	Forest Ervin Icard	7	16	9	29	14	23	35		11			144	94	10	Yes	No	5			
TOTALS		561	626	854	1304	1246	1485	2361	168	279		108	8992	4990	468			106	609	412	92

TABLE III **BAPTIST TRAINING UNION & MEN'S BROTHERHOODS**
SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1939

CHURCHES	GENERAL DIRECTORS		B.T.U. with Dir.?	No. of B.A.U.'s	No. of Senior B.Y.P.U.'s	No. of Intermediate B.Y.P.U.'s	No. of Junior B.Y.P.U.'s	Total B.A.U.'s and B.Y.P.U.'s	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Story Hours	Total No. Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers, All Unions	Has Training Un. Been A-1 for Qtr.?	B.Y.P.U.'s & B.A.U.'s A-1 for I Quar.	Students in College from Your Church	No. Brotherhoods	Enrollment Brotherhoods
Amity																							
Antioch																							
Bethel			No																				
Boger City	Maggie Icard	Boger City		1	1	2	2	6	22	11	31	17	81	1	26	46	35						
Brookford	Mae Balick	Brookfield	Yes	2	2	2	2	8	16	29	20	26	91	1	74	78	65	No					
Brown Memorial	E. H. Witherspoon	Hickory	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	22	14	31	18	85		18	21	32						
Catawba	Mrs. Jeter Keith	Catawba	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	8	5	13	15	41		8	3	41	No					
Cedar Grove			No		1		1	2		21		13	34										
Center View																							
Corinth																				3			
Denver																							
Faith																							
Gainesville																							
Hickory First	C. W. Broome	Hickory	Yes	1	3	3	2	9	25	41	48	31	145	1	41	47	73	No		9			
West Hickory	William Truitt	Hickory	Yes	1	1	2	3	7	20	27	32	57	136	1	44	44	70	No					
Highland	C. M. Lawing	Hickory	Yes	1	1	1	2	5	39	22	39	42	142	2	44	55	81	No		1			
Kid's Chapel																							
Lawing's Chapel			No		1			1		11			11		6		4						
Leonard's Fork																							
Lincoln Avenue																							
Lincolnton First	J. L. Proctor	Lincolnton	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	13	24	22	24	83	1	39	69	78	No		4			
Long Shoals																							
Macedonia																							
East Maiden	Clegg Arndt	Maiden	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	12	14	15	11	52	1	24	18	19						
Maiden First	Mrs. J. C. Sherwood	Maiden	Yes	1	2	2	2	7	32	35	37	22	126	2	61	65	86	No		5			
Mt. Ruhama																							
Mt. Zion	Georgia Hoger	Alexis	Yes		1			1		13			13		13	10	13	Yes	1				
Mtn. Grove																							
Mtn. View																							
Newton First			No																	3			
North Newton	B. B. White	Newton	Yes							21	10	20	51	1	28	18	40	No					
Olivet	F. H. Lytton	Long Island	Yes		1	1	1	3		16	10	11	37		21	23	27	No	1				
Penelope	G. S. Robinson	Hickory	Yes	1	1	2	2	6	33	21	47	50	151	1	20	14	14	No		1	1	30	
Piney Grove																							
Providence	Millie Whitener	Vale	Yes		1		1	2		25		15	40		12			No					
Reepsville																							
River View	Floyd Willis	Lincolnton	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	14	15	15	30	74	1	48	57	37	No		1			
Salem																							
Sharon																							
Southside																							
Warlicks																							
TOTALS				13	21	20	23	77	256	365	370	402	1393	13	527	568	715		2	27	1	30	

TABLE IV

W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. & POST OFFICES	No. of W. M. S.'s	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Given for Local Work by W. M. U.	Given for Missions by W. M. U.	Grand Total for All Purposes
Amity															$	$	$
Antioch																	
Bethel																	
Boger City	Mrs. C. F. Clanton Boger City	1	1	2		1	5	18	20	20		8	66	11		59.23	59.23
Brookford																	
Brown Memorial	Mrs. Z. W. Brown Hickory	1	1	1		1	4	30	11	14		8	63		185.99	44.40	230.39
Catawba	Miss Stella Coulter Catawba	1					1	15					15		19.60	121.50	141.10
Cedar Grove																	
Center View																	
Corinth	Mrs. C. H. Henderson. Hickory	1					1	11					11	9	8.23	16.86	25.09
Denver																	
Faith																	
Gainesville																	
Hickory First	Mrs. K. C. Menzies Hickory	1	1	2	1	1	6	192	36	32	18	16	294	262	128.56	660.75	789.31
West Hickory	Mrs. Glenn Smith Hickory	1	1	2	1	1	6	43	17	53	8	23	144	23	1.75	82.52	84.27
Highland	Mrs. W. G. Summey Hickory	4	1	2		1	8	30	10	25		20	85	16	1,555.83	575.45	2,131.28
Kid's Chapel																	
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernethy Lincltn	1					1	10					10		.59	40.15	40.74
Leonard's Fork		1					1	8					8	6		70.00	70.00
Lincoln Avenue																	
Lincolnton First	Mrs. T. V. Linberger Lincltn	1	1	2	1	1	6	63	14	24	11	15	127	45	148.58	256.31	404.89
Long Shoals																	
Macedonia																	
East Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams Maiden	1	1				2	10	12				22			21.35	21.35
Maiden First	Mrs. J. C. Sherwood Maiden	3	2	2	1	1	9	50	35	20	15	15	135	93		84.84	84.84
Mt. Ruhama	Mrs. W. C. Reed Newton	1		2			3	17					17		21.06	24.35	45.41
Mt. Zion	Mrs. R. G. Mace Alexis	1					1	14					14	4	7.00	12.45	19.45
Mtn. Grove		1		1			2	19		19			38		31.72	27.40	59.12
Mt. View																	
Newton First	Mrs. O. S. Ulmer Newton	1	1	2	1	1	6	46	24	12	12	12	106	30		186.73	186.73
North Newton	Mrs. C. F. Witherspoon Ntn	1		1		1	3	11		15		20	46	6	164.04	165.30	329.34
Olivet	Mrs. Cleve Gobriel Shrl's Frd	1	1				2	10	13				23	1	115.90	28.63	144.53
Penelope	Mrs. Fred Bolick Hickory	1	1	2	2	1	7	76	15	10	8	8	117	33	1,766.11	220.01	1,986.12
Piney Grove																	
Providence																	
Reepsville																	
River View	Mrs. L. M. Kanipe Lincltn	1	1	2		1	5	25	11	24		10	70	48	54.60	82.30	136.90
Salem																	
Sharon																	
Southside																	
Warlicks																	
TOTALS		25	13	23	7	11	79	698	218	268	72	155	1411	587	$4,209.56	$2,780.53	$6,990.09

TABLE V — CHURCH PROPERTY OF THE SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & POST OFFICES	Does Church Own House of Worship?	When Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	No. of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House & Grounds	Value of Mission Chapel if Any	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Amity	E. L. Ballard — Lincolnton	Yes	1925	Wood	300	1			$ 800.00			$ 800.00		
Antioch	C. C. Devine — Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Wood	300			5	1,500.00			1,500.00		200.00
Bethel	C. T. Mullen — Lincolnton	Yes	1936	Br'k.-Ven.	300	1			1,100.00			1,100.00		1,000.00
Boger City	J. P. Williams — Lincolnton	Yes	1936	Brick	400	22	3	17	14,582.60		2,000.00	16,582.60	1,705.84	3,500.00
Brookford	G. G. Flowers — Brookfield	Yes	1910	Brick	300	21	3	24	15,000.00			15,000.00		
Brown Memorial	C. O. Ellis — Hickory	Yes	1935	Brick	350	20	5	20	10,750.00			10,750.00	1,429.37	6,000.00
Catawba	Miss Edna Danner — Catawba	Yes	1934	Brick	300	16	2	14	10,000.00		3,000.00	13,000.00	292.70	9,500.00
Cedar Grove	Walter Willis — Maiden	Yes	1902	Wood	200	1			300.00			300.00		
Center View	J. F. Howis — Maiden	Yes	1935	Wood	500	10			6,000.00			6,000.00		
Corinth	Elma Stallings — Vale	Yes	1938	Stone	400	14		10	6,000.00			6,000.00	2,400.00	1,000.00
Denver	W. F. Keever — Davidson	Yes	1914	Wood	300	1			1,500.00			1,500.00		
Faith	P. L. Sigmon — Alexis	Yes	1905	Wood	250	1			1,000.00			1,000.00		
Gainesville	C. C. Houser — Crouse	Yes	1923	Wood	250	1			200.00			200.00		
Hickory First	J. D. Greene — Hickory	Yes	1900	Brick	800	72	8	60	107,000.00		3,000.00	110,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00
West Hickory	W. P. Sherrill — Hickory	Yes	1900	Br'k.-Ven.	350	22	4	17	10,000.00		1,500.00	11,500.00		1,500.00
Highland	V. H. White — Hickory	Yes	1912	Brick	400	39	6	33	25,000.00		5,000.00	30,000.00		8,000.00
Kid's Chapel	W. A. Poole — Iron Station	Yes	1871	Wood	300	1			1,500.00			1,500.00		
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry — Lincolnton	Yes	1908	Wood	600	1			2,000.00			2,000.00		500.00
Leonard's Fork	Miss Julia A. Hoover — Crouse	Yes	1883	Wood	300	1			1,000.00			1,000.00		750.00
Lincoln Avenue	Ellis Houser — Lincolnton	Yes	1927	Brick	500	9	9	9	10,000.00			10,000.00	757.57	5,000.00
Lincolnton First	J. L. Proctor — Lincolnton	Yes	1921	W. Brick	450	24	4	20	75,000.00		4,000.00	79,000.00	8,300.00	35,000.00
Long Shoals	P. A. Kiser — Lincolnton	Yes	1910	Wood	150	7		6	1,100.00			1,100.00	90.93	
Macedonia	W. A. Potts — Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Brick	500	1			10,000.00		500.00	10,500.00		
East Maiden	E. H. Williams — Maiden	Yes	1927	Brick	350	5	5	10	3,500.00		1,500.00	5,000.00		2,500.00
Maiden First	T. H. Caldwell — Maiden	Yes	1929	Brick	500	21	3	17	20,300.00		3,000.00	23,300.00	900.00	10,500.00
Mt. Ruhama	G. W. Caldwell — Newton	Yes	1912	Wood	500	9	9	9	4,500.00			4,500.00		
Mt. Zion	Dan Long — Stanley	Yes	1869	Wood	500	5		4	2,500.00			2,500.00		
Mountain Grove	G. F. Huffman — Hickory	Yes	1936	Br'k.-Ven.	300	9	1	8	5,000.00			5,000.00	375.00	2,500.00
Mountain View	M. O. Gilleland — Maiden	Yes	1900	Wood	300			7	2,000.00			2,000.00		1,200.00
Newton First	D. F. Adams — Conover	Yes	1914	Brick	400	36	5	30	30,000.00		5,000.00	35,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00
North Newton	J. T. Whisnant — Newton	Yes	1937	Brick	250	13	1	13	10,000.00			10,000.00	3,393.75	4,000.00
Olivet	Fred H. Lytton — Long Island	Yes	1884	Wood	300	8	2	7	2,400.00		1,600.00	4,000.00		2,800.00
Penelope	L. L. Yoder — Hickory	Yes	1888	Brick	751	23	7	15	20,000.00		2,000.00	22,000.00	2,000.00	12,350.00
Piney Grove	Henry Etta Setzer — Newton	Yes	1905	Wood	350	1			500.00			500.00		
Providence	Millie Whitener — Vale	Yes	1892	Wood	300	5		4	2,500.00			2,500.00		1,500.00
Reepsville	Miss Sophia Logan — Lincltn	Yes	1935	Wood	250		6	6	2,000.00			2,000.00	109.00	
River View	G. S. Caldwell — Lincolnton	Yes	1922	Brick	500	9	9	9	6,800.00		2,000.00	8,800.00	650.00	3,250.00
Salem	Clarence Helms — Lincolnton	Yes	1930	Brick	500	1			4,000.00			4,000.00	90.00	
Sharon	L. A. Abernathy — Iron Station	Yes	1900	Wood	300	1		4	500.00			500.00		
Southside	William Justice — Southside	Yes	1925	Wood	400	9	8	9	4,000.00			4,000.00		1,700.00
Warlicks	E. T. Berry — Icard	Yes	1932	Brick	500	9	9	8	7,000.00			7,000.00		
TOTALS					15,751	450	100	395	$438,832.60		$ 34,100.00	$472,932.60	$ 46,494.16	$179,250.00

TABLE VI
GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1939

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS & POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S.S., B.Y.P.U. & W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Ptg. of Minutes & Clerk of Assn.	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes by Church & All its Organizations	Pledged to Cooperative Program	No. of Tithers
Amity		80.25	$	$ 25.55	$ 50.00	$	$	$ 31.05	$	$	$	$ 186.85	$	
Antioch	G. M. Martin Lincolnton	76.65	9.00				5.00	9.53		1.00		101.18	10.00	
Bethel	E. I. Sigmon Lincolnton	90.00					5.00	9.00				104.00		
Boger City	W. H. Boyles Boger City	1,404.00		89.62	957.35	1,201.68	266.67	221.98	78.77	5.50	195.33	4,420.90	322.31	38
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	1,404.00		75.20	66.35		929.26	210.33	166.40	7.00	28.00	2,886.54		124
Brown Memorial	G. W. Fox Hickory	900.00		111.00	11.65	657.50	405.55	153.52		6.00	63.51	2,308.73	625.00	11
Catawba	Neil Wike Catawba	489.17		137.91	2,712.33		114.21	154.30		5.00		3,612.92	325.00	12
Cedar Grove	Walter Willis Maiden	123.84		9.00			29.80	28.01		1.25	5.00	196.90		
Center View	W. W. Laney Maiden	278.92	5.81	49.93	88.70		34.70	22.23		2.00	7.25	489.54		
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant Hickory	287.50		46.00	1,533.67	89.60	29.00	49.50		3.00	10.79	2,049.06	100.00	10
Denver	B. L. Beal Denver	66.00			15.00					.50		81.50		
Faith	Mrs. Horace Bradshaw I. Sta.	128.91		11.80			9.11	11.96		2.00	10.24	174.02	20.00	2
Gainesville	Charles Sigmon Lincolnton	242.04		22.00			14.40	20.75		1.20		300.39		1
Hickory First	E. L. Fox Hickory	3,300.00	600.00	159.96	4,272.63	1,590.89	1,729.97	666.05	340.00	35.00	361.27	13,055.77	5,000.00	
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz Hickory	1,300.00		120.00	257.34	1,317.80	342.33	367.83	119.42			3,824.72	50.00	15
Highland	W. B. Duncan Hickory	2,304.06	120.00	171.46	973.18		357.54	334.89	30.00	15.00	454.76	4,760.89	1,600.00	16
Kid's Chapel	D. A. Poole Iron Station	36.50		8.50	6.00		35.00	9.00		1.25		96.25	10.00	
Lawing's Chapel	J. J. Henry Lincolnton	378.05		52.00			54.00	51.52		5.00	100.00	640.57	75.00	8
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse	135.75					49.50	18.88		2.00		206.13	75.00	
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman Lincolnton	565.50	33.21	35.00	655.79	174.93	124.06	81.64		4.34	37.40	1,711.87		20
Lincolnton First		1,925.00		410.00	1,076.53	953.28	498.33	292.40	117.00	12.00	312.68	5,597.22		85
Long Shoals	Miss Agnes Johnson Lincintn	46.15		25.00	218.06		19.45	25.53		1.50	24.60	360.29	10.00	3
Macedonia	Maurice Crouse Iron Station	294.63		51.04			73.70	24.51		3.30	2.00	449.18		
East Maiden	Clifton Turbyfill Maiden	626.85		72.45		842.37	118.71	132.75	34.25	5.00	59.00	1,891.38	100.00	25
Maiden First	A. C. Hewitt Maiden	1,249.74		98.92	194.68	663.00	347.90	266.99	146.50	10.00		2,977.73	Yes	
Mt. Ruhama	Robert Drum Newton	755.06		46.00			181.83		53.83	5.00		1,041.72	200.00	
Mt. Zion	Edgar Sodler Alexis	305.00		27.00	57.20		84.00	65.45	8.00	3.25		549.90		
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Echard Hickory	400.00		23.19		600.00	98.46	49.63		4.00	9.00	1,184.28		
Mt. View	Horace Lawing Maiden	260.38	35.00				100.00	119.50		2.00		516.88		
Newton First	J. Y. Killian Newton	1,800.00	40.00		4,604.28		380.00	136.62		7.50	159.95	7,128.35	500.00	31
North Newton	J. R. Murray Newton	1,248.12		90.00	73.00	1,061.25	127.54	123.00	39.32	2.50	81.02	2,845.75	250.00	30
Olivet	W. W. Ervin Catawba	350.00		135.25	131.61		234.27	110.15	35.00	5.00	385.00	1,386.28		15
Penelope	W. A. Cook Hickory	1,560.00		107.36	3,794.23	90.00	128.35	171.13		7.50	34.53	5,893.10	400.00	34
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy Catawba	128.00		30.60	100.00			24.40		1.50	10.80	295.30	30.00	
Providence	D. W. Brittain Hickory	300.00	20.75	40.00	150.00		25.00	34.32		3.50	202.15	775.72	100.00	
Reepsville	K. B. Ledford Vale	132.78	10.00			41.00	8.76	37.57		2.00		232.11	25.00	23
River View	P. L. Coffey Lincolnton	800.00		90.00	924.75		269.06	123.57	18.05	4.50	46.05	2,275.98		35
Salem	Worth Lineberger	158.64		25.00	338.50		16.00			2.00	18.00	558.14	15.00	4
Sharon	Mrs. Edna Dellinger Ir. Sta.	37.22		12.85				15.68		1.00		66.75		
Southside	Frank Parker Southside	378.25		55.89	82.27		150.18	76.26		4.00	50.54	797.39		
Warlicks	E. I. Berry Icard	275.30		28.71			15.00	25.00	50.00	2.00		396.01	25.00	5
TOTALS		$26,622.26	$873.77	$2,494.19	$23,345.10	$9,283.30	$7,411.64	$4,306.43	$1,236.54	$186.09	$2,668.87	$78,428.19	$9,567.31	547

TABLE VII GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1939

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS & POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools & Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total for Missions & Benevolences	Total for Local Purposes	Grand Total for All Purposes
Amity	P. A. Mullen Iron Station	$ 6.10	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 12.50	$ 2.25	$	$	$ 20.85	$ 186.85	$ 207.70
Antioch	G. M. Martin Lincolnton													101.18	101.18
Bethel	E. I. Sigmon Lincolnton													104.00	104.00
Boger City	W. H. Boyles Boger City	294.79		25.22	20.37	17.75			180.20	11.75		4.00	554.08	4,420.90	4,974.98
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	2,759.42		28.00		3.38			622.98	20.06		281.50	3,725.34	2,886.54	6,611.88
Brown Memorial	Geo. W. Fox Hickory	653.63		17.37	10.00				170.20	15.00			866.20	2,308.73	3,174.93
Catawba	Neil Wike Catawba	129.31		13.45	20.05	25.00	10.60		61.97	17.20	6.00	1.00	284.58	3,612.92	3,897.50
Cedar Grove	Walter Willis Maiden	15.00											15.00	196.90	211.90
Center View	W. W. Laney Maiden			7.50	4.00	5.00			30.23	5.50	4.00	4.25	60.48	489.54	550.02
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant Hickory	78.00		5.00					31.25	10.40			124.65	2,049.06	2,173.71
Denver	B. L. Beal Denver	5.50											5.50	81.50	87.00
Faith	Mrs. Horace Bradshaw I. Sta.			2.38	6.59	5.13		1.80	16.11	3.98	1.81	1.80	39.60	174.02	213.62
Gainesville	Chartey Sigmon Lincolnton	5.50							8.82	3.30			17.62	300.39	318.01
Hickory First	E. L. Fox Hickory	4,001.69		69.94	53.75	370.33	119.63		648.72	63.50		79.00	5,406.56	13,055.77	18,462.33
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz Hickory	175.00		25.07		79.13	40.78		60.00	41.05		132.31	553.34	3,824.72	4,378.06
Highland	W. B. Duncan Hickory	1,413.62		14.30	14.80	14.81			227.73	55.91			1,741.17	4,760.89	6,502.06
Kid's Chapel	D. A. Poole Iron Station			1.00	1.00				3.00				5.00	96.25	101.25
Lawing's Chapel	J. J. Henry Lincolnton	10.25		8.95	9.80	11.40	12.15		35.74	15.80			104.09	640.57	744.66
Leonard's Fork	J. W. Hoover Crouse			8.61	14.50	20.75	12.50		27.00	3.00		2.00	88.36	206.13	294.49
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Houser Lincolnton	145.17		5.17					48.65	6.16			205.15	1,711.87	1,917.02
Lincolnton First		400.47	5.90	32.12	29.27	50.26	60.00		135.52	37.18		153.79	904.51	5,597.22	6,501.73
Long Shoals	Miss Agness Johnson Lincltn	2.30							4.60	3.60	2.00		12.50	360.29	372.79
Macedonia	Maurice Crouse Iron Station	16.59							24.06				40.65	449.18	489.83
East Maiden	Clifton Turbyfill Maiden	18.75				68.35			88.67	21.23		12.00	209.00	1,891.38	2,100.38
Maiden First	A. C. Hewitt Maiden	234.56		1.37		54.36	10.00		67.93	20.06			388.28	2,977.73	3,366.01
Mt. Ruhama	Robert Drumm Newton	82.40		36.98					94.42	30.00	11.21		255.01	1,041.72	1,296.73
Mt. Zion	Edgar Sadler Alexis				1.00	2.00			57.71	4.25		7.00	71.96	549.90	621.86
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Echard Hickory	81.45							58.00	15.00			154.45	1,184.28	1,338.73
Mt. View	Horace Lawing Maiden	9.55								6.25			15.80	516.88	532.68
Newton First	J. Y. Killian Newton	493.86		14.50	18.90	45.91	16.50		156.72	10.00			756.39	7,128.35	7,884.74
North Newton	J. R. Murray Newton	212.84		17.85	10.45	10.30			160.00	30.85	15.00	24.00	481.29	2,845.75	3,327.04
Olivet	W. W. Ervin Catawba	210.00							120.00	14.00	6.00		350.00	1,386.28	1,736.28
Penelope	W. A. Cook Hickory	339.76		4.80	8.34	20.11			37.40	7.58			417.99	5,893.10	6,311.09
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernathy Catawba		3.60	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		33.50	7.20	3.40		55.70	295.30	351.00
Providence	D. W. Brittain Hickory	100.00							10.00	15.00			125.00	775.72	900.72
Reepsville	K. B. Ledford Vale								3.03	1.85			4.88	232.11	236.99
River View	P. L. Coffey Lincolnton	175.54		9.80	15.79	117.89			123.28	8.55		20.55	471.40	2,275.98	2,747.38
Salem	Worth Lineberger H'h Shoals	3.00											3.00	558.14	561.14
Sharon	Mrs. Edna Dellinger Ir. Sta.								3.50	2.00			5.50	66.75	72.25
Southside	Frank Parker Southside	34.38							80.02				114.40	797.39	911.79
Warlicks	E. I. Berry Icard			3.00	3.00	3.00			5.00	5.60		147.97	167.57	396.01	563.58
TOTALS		$12,108.43	$9.50	$354.38	$243.61	$936.86	$284.16	$1.80	$3,448.46	$515.06	$49.42	$871.17	$18,822.85	$78,428.19	$97,251.04

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SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Second Annual Session

HELD WITH

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

October 10-11, 1940

Next Session to be Held at Mt. Ruhama Baptist Church, Thursday and Friday, October 9th and 10th, 1941.

To Preach Annual Sermon.....REV. Y. C. ELLIOTT
Alternate.....REV. J. A. HUDSON

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as South Fork Baptist Association.
2. The objects of this Association shall be to educate to the ministry, men called of God and approved by the Church to which they belong; to support the Gospel throughout the bounds of the Association; to assist Baptist churches in erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible by all our people; to promote the work of the Bible School and Young People and to co-operate with the North Carolina State Baptist Conevntion in all departments of their work.
3. This Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the several member churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association and Chairmen of all standing committees. Each church of one hundred members or fraction thereof shall be entitled to two messengers and for each additional fifty member, an additional messenger; provided, that no church shall have more than five messengers.
4. The officers of the Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Representative of Baptist Hospital, and Representative of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, all of whom shall be elected on the closing day of each annual session and shall serve through the next annual meeting. The Association shall also elect annually the following officers of the South Fork Sunday School Convention: Namely, a Superintendent, and Secretary-Treasurer; and said Association shall ratify or confirm the selection of the following Associational officers: Superintendent of the W. M. U., and the Director of the B. T. U.
5. There shall be an Executive Committee for the Association, consisting of the Moderator, ex-officio, and nine members representing the different sections of the Association. The nine members shall be divided into equal groups and elected for one, two and three years. As the terms expire, the successors shall serve for terms of three years. At each annual session, the Moderator shall appoint a committee of three to nominate, at the following annual session, members to fill vacancies of the Executive Committee. Vacancies occuring between sessions of the Association may be filled until next session by the remaining members of the Executive Committee. Failure without good reason to attend at least two meetings of the Executive Committee during the year shall disqualify any member from serving the following years. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all work of the Association between sessions and report annually to the Association and bring to the Association such recommendations as they may consider wise.
6. The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present on the first or second day of the Association.
7. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday after the First Sunday in October at ten A. M. The hours for the convention of further sessions of the Association shall be fixed by the Moderator or by the Program Committee, unless otherwise ordreed by the Association. This Association shall hold four quarterly union meetings each year, the same to be held each fifth Sunday afternoon. There shall also be an unnual Spring session, the same to be purely inspirational. These meetings to be under the direction of Executive Committee, the necessary expenses to be paid from the general fund.
8. The Moderator shall appoint a Program Committee for each annual session, composed of three members, one of which shall be the Pastor of the church with which the Association will meet. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a program for the next annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The number of the messengers shall be ascertained each day previous to proceeding with the business of the Association.
3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate someone else to preside if he wishes to vacate the chair.
4. The Parliamentary Procedure shall be in accordance with Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Practice", which shall be final authority on any question of procedure arising during the deliberation of the Association.
5. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and shall superintend the printing of the Minutes at an annual salary of $35.00.

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

UNION MEETINGS—Sponsored by the Executive Committee.

December 29 (1940)—Brown Memorial Baptist Church, Hickory, N. C.
March 30—Boger City Baptist Church.
June 29—Mountain Grove Baptist Church (Catawba County).
August 31—Reepsville Baptist Church (Lincoln County).

ANNUAL SPRING SESSION

Lawings Chapel Baptist Church, Catawba County—Date to be set by the Executive Committee.

W. M. U. MEETINGS

Mrs. R. H. Bowles, President, Hickory, N. C.

February 20—Highland Baptist Church, Hickory.
April 6—(Annual Meeting)—River View Baptist Church, Lincoln County.
July 17—Olivet Baptist Church, Catawba County.
November 13—East Maiden Baptist Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION—Meets each First Sunday

Rev. J. C. Sherwood, President, Maiden, N. C.
Rev. W. C. Reed, Associate President, Newton, N. C.

November 3, 1940—North Newton Baptist Church.
December 1, 1940—Providence Baptist Church, Catawba County.
January 5, 1941—Penelope Baptist Church, Hickory.
February 2—River View Baptist Church, Lincoln County.
March 2—East Maiden Baptist Church.
April 6—First Baptist Church, Lincolnton.
May 4—Bethel Baptist Church, Lincoln County.
June 1—Warlicks Baptist Church, Burke County.
July 6—West Hickory Baptist Church.
August 3—Mount Ruhama Baptist Church, Catawba County.
September 7—Mount Zion Baptist Church, Lincoln County.
October 5—Brookford Baptist Church.
November 2—Macedonia Baptist Church, Lincoln County.
December 7—South Side Baptist Church, Lincoln County.

B. T. U. CONVENTION

Miss Elizabeth Campbell, President, Hickory, N. C.

March 16—Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church, Lincolnton.
April 11—First Baptist Church, Newton (Training Union Conference).
September 21—Catawba Baptist Church.

The Annual Fall Term South Fork Association meets with Mount Ruhama Baptist Church, Catawba County—Thursday and Friday, October 9-10, 1941.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

L. L. HATFIELD, Hickory ..... Moderator
W. E. GARRISON, Lincolnton ..... Vice-Moderator
M. S. BRITTAIN, Rt. 1, Hickory ..... Clerk
J. C. SHERWOOD, Maiden ..... Assistant Clerk
J. Y. KILLIAN, Newton ..... Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1941

E. B. Goodin, Lincolnton
J. R. Turbyfill, Maiden
J. Y. Killian, Newton

Term Expiring 1942

M. S. Brittain, Hickory
L. M. Canipe, Lincolnton
W. C. Reed, Newton

Term Expiring 1943

E. F. Sullivan, Hickory
T. H. Caldwell, Maiden
C. W. Ervin, Catawba

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

James C. Sherwood, Maiden ..... General Superintendent
W. C. Reed, Newton ..... Associate Superintendent

W. M. U. CONVENTION

Mrs. R. H. Bowles, Hickory ..... Superintendent
Mrs. T. V. Lineberger, Lincolnton ..... Associate Superintendent
Mrs. E. N. Carr, Hickory ..... Secretary
Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Hickory ..... Treasurer
Miss Stella Coulter, Catawba ..... Young People's Leader
Miss Selma Hicks, Hickory ..... Associate Young People's Leader
Mrs. F. G. Womack, Hickory ..... Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. O. S. Ulmer, Newton ..... Personal Service Chairman
Mrs. B. R. McCreight, Newton ..... Stewardship Chairman
Mrs. W. S. Sander, Lincolnton ..... Margaret Fund Chairman
Mrs. S. M. Kanipe, Lincolnton ..... Literature Chairman

District Leaders

Mrs. C. P. Abernethy ..... Hickory District Leader
Mrs. G. P. Coulter ..... Newton District Leader
Mrs. J. C. Sherwood ..... Maiden District Leader
Mrs. W. G. Bandy ..... Lincolnton District Leader

OFFICERS OF THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Elizabeth Campbell, Hickory ..... Director
Mary Summey, Hickory ..... Associate Director
George Flowers, Brookford ..... Secretary
Mrs. Paul Hager, Alexis ..... Pianist
Franklin Jones, Hickory ..... Chorister
W. C. Reed, Newton ..... Pastor Advisor
W. E. Garrison, Lincolnton ..... Adult Leader
Mrs. J. C. Sherwood, Maiden ..... Young People's Leader
Mrs. F. G. Womack, Hickory ..... Intermediate Leader
Mrs. C. L. Knight, Lincolnton ..... Junior Leader
Selma Hicks, Hickory ..... Story Hour Leader
Cline Ellis, Hickory ..... District Leader No. 1
Fred Lylton, Catawba ..... District Leader No. 2
Pauline Williams, Maiden ..... District Leader No. 3
A. Burris, Lincolnton ..... District Leader No. 4
William Stroupe, Alexis ..... District Leader No. 5

LIST OF MESSENGERS

(SESSION—1940)

Amity.....Mrs. John Miller, P. A. Miller, J. A. Miller

Antioch.....A. L. Smith

Bethel.....W. V. Mullen, Jennie Turner

Boger City.....W. C. McAllister, Mrs. Marshall Dellinger, Mrs. Glen Dellinger, Mrs. J. P. Williams, Mrs. S. A. Hutchins, Mrs. J. A. Hallman, Mrs. J. E. Burke, Mrs. J. C. Burke.

Brookford.....Mrs. Ben Miller, Geo. Flowers, Mrs. E. L. Stoner, Vashti Price.

Brown Memorial.....Mrs. Robert George, Robert George, Mrs. Z. W. Brown, C. G. Fox.

Catawba.....H. A. Witherspoon, Mrs. W. G. Carter, Stella Coulter

Cedar Grove.....H. A. Scronce

Center View.....S. C. Harris, J. P. Turbyfill, J. F. Goodson, Mrs. S. O. Hovis.

Corinth.....J. A. Wilson, Irma Henderson

Craig's Memorial.....Mrs. M. G. Cloer, M. G. Cloer, Robert Ingle, Mrs. Robert Ingle, J. D. Lawing.

Denver.....W. F. Keever

Faith.....Mrs. P. L. Sigmon, Horace Bradshaw, P. L. Sigmon

Gainesville.....Mrs. J. T. Wise, Forrest Black, Z. T. Wise

Hickory First.....J. A. Steelman, Mrs. J. A. Steelman, R. M. Perry, Mrs. Lee Frans, Mrs. R. H. Bowles.

East Hickory.....Mrs. Guthrie Colvard, Mrs. C. A. Newton

West Hickory.....Mrs. L. R. Stallings, Wanda Mae Scitz, Mrs. J. C. Willis, E. D. Powell, Mrs. F. B. Beal.

Highland.....Mrs. V. H. White, Mrs. A. C. Ogran, Mrs. J. R. Phillips, J. R. Phillips, Mrs. J. C. Bridgeman, Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Mrs. W. B. Duncan.

Kid's Chapel.....Lee Campbell, Martha Down

Lawing's Chapel.....Mrs. Cora Bandy, G. S. Whisnant, Mrs. Sylvaster Whisnant.

Leonard's Fork.....L. H. Hefner, Mrs. A. B. Heavner, Mrs. L. N. Heavner

Lincoln Avenue.....D. H. Tucker, Mrs. J. M. Baker

Lincolnton First.....E. B. Goodin, Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Mrs. W. E. Garrison, W. F. Elliott, C. L. Goodson, Mrs. W. S. Lander, W. E. Garrison, Mrs. Larry Hamrick.

Long Shoals.....J. F. Gates, P. S. Kiser

Macedonia.....Mrs. L. K. Goodson, Mrs. Maurice Crouse, C. E. Ewing, Ellen Potts, W. A. Potts, W. T. McAllister.

East Maiden.....Mrs. R. B. Cooke, Mrs. John Yoder, C. A. Arndt, R. B. Cooke, John Yoder, Ollie Piercy.

Maiden First.....Mrs. J. C. Huffman, Mrs. J. C. Sherwood, Mrs. Gus Williams, Mrs. R. E. Baucom, T. H. Caldwell, Mrs. T. H. Caldwell.

Mt. Ruhama.....R. B. Laney, Mrs. Rhoda Crouse, Mrs. Pink Bandy, Lee Campbell, Mrs. Ray Ratchford.

Mt. Zion.....M. J. Heager

Mountain Grove	Mrs. Ervin Spencer
Mountain View	Lois Dellinger, C. P. Dellinger, W. W. Moose, L. P. Gilliland.
Newton First	Mrs. B. B. Burrus, Mrs. J. D. Sharpe, Mrs. M. L. Adair, C. F. Witherspoon, J. Y. Killian, D. F. Adams, C. A. Wilkinson.
North Newton	Mrs. Hoyle Love, Mrs. J. E. Link, Mrs. Floy Link
Olivet	C. W. Williams, Joe Saunders, Mrs. Joe Saunders, Betty Saunders, Ben Williams.
Penelope	Mrs. Geneva Turner, Mrs. Fred Bolick
Piney Grove	P. E. Caldwell, Henry Etta Setzer, Ruth Setzer
Providence	Mrs. Cecil Brittain, Mrs. Russell Schrum, M. S. Brittain, T. S. Abee.
Reepsville	Mrs. McKinley Scronce, McKinley Scronce, Nancy Helms, Mrs. Charlie Scronce, Charlie Scronce.
River View	Cathleen Ramsey, S. A. Rhodes, E. L. Beal, J. W. Punch, Mrs. R. A. Coffey, S. A. Rhodes, Mrs. Brown.
Salem	Mrs. Clarence Helms, Mrs. D. B. Lewis, F. D. Helms, W. P. Martin, Mrs. S. A. Hovis, Mrs. H. A. Harrill.
Sharon	Mrs. W. H. Perkins, W. H. Perkins
Southside	Mrs. Gilbert Whiteside, Mrs. Robert Whiteside, Carl Smith, Rachel Arney, William Justice.
Warlicks	Winnie Knox, Lee Speagle

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Associational Officers	5
Ministers and Pastors of the Association	34
Ministers and Pastors outside the Association	28
Messengers	172
From Associational Churches (other than Messengers)	201
State Representatives	5
Visitors inside the Association	6
Visitors outside the Association	10
Total	461

NUMBER OF VISITORS
Associations

Catawba River	7
Gaston	5
Raleigh	3
Kings Mountain	3
Caldwell	2
Green River	2
Pilot Mountain	2
Three Forks	1
South Mountain	1
Rowan	1
Liberty	1
Atlanta (Ga.)	1
Greenville (S. C.)	1
Total	30

NUMBER OF VISITORS
Other Denominations

Methodist	3
Lutheran	3

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

J. A. McMillan — Perry Crouch — Smith Hagaman
Nathan Brooks, Jr. — David Morgan

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1940
MORNING SESSION

The officers of the South Fork Baptist Association, including the Miderator, L. L. Hatfield; the Vice-Moderator, W. E. Garrison; the Clerk, M. S. Brittain; the Assistant Clerk, James C. Sherwood; the Treasurer, J. Y. Killian; the Director of Music, Mrs. L. P. Frans; and the Pianist, Mrs. Darrell Lewis; were present.

1. The 62nd Annual Session of the South Fork Baptist Association, comprising Catawba and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina, was called to order by the Moderator, L. L. Hatfield, at the First Baptist Church, Lincolnton, North Carolina, at 9:50 A. M., October 10, 1940.

2. The meeting was opened with the following hymns: "Revive Us Again", "Marching to Zion", and "What a Friend".

3. The Association was then led in prayer by the Reverend J. A. Snow, McAdenville, N. C. Brother Snow is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lincolnton, and a former Moderator of the Association.

4. The Worship period was led by the Reverend H. B. Jones, reading Luke 24:13-32, and his subject: "A Personal Walk With God"; after which he led in prayer.

5. At this time the Enrollment of Messengers was called for and the Clerk called the Roll of the Churches. Every church was represented by letter and all but one had messengers present; the following day this church had messengers present.

6. A large number of visitors from other associations were recognized and a larger number of visitors from within our own association. It is interesting to note that at this time all in the session were Baptists.

7. The Reverend Fred G. Womack introduced the following new pastors, those who have come into the Association since the last session:

The Reverend A. F. Blackburn, Salem and Long Shoals Churches.
The Reverend Y. C. Elliot, First Church, Lincolnton.
The Reverend W. B. Bryan, Warlicks Church.
The Reverend R. C. Shearin, West Hickory Church.

8. A word of welcome was given to the Association by the Host-Pastor, the Reverend Y. C. Elliott and response was made by the Moderator.

9. The Report of the Program Committee was given by the Reverend W. C. Reed; the report was adopted as printed with the necessary changes as the committee saw fit to make from time to time during the meeting.

10. Hymn: "Wonderful Words of Life".

11. The Host-Pastor, the Reverend Y. C. Elliott made announcements concerning entertainment and the noon meal.

12. The W. M. U. Report was read by Mrs. R. H. Bowles, after which Mrs. Bowles presented Mrs. Y. C. Elliott, who introduced members of the First Church, Lincolnton, who presented a splendid pageant on the 100,000 Club. The report was adopted.

THE W. M. U. REPORT

Ever since Mary sat at the feet of Jesus learning of Him and His will, women have been eager to know Him and do His command. They have, like Dorcas, been helping the poor and distressed and ministering unto Him with their substance and gathering together to pray. They have been bringing their children unto Him to be blessed, and trying to train them as did Eunice and Lois.

Modern women are being used today all over the world to lay the foundation of Christianity in the same way as women of old who served their Master when He was here on earth.

Last year the women of the South Fork Association were still carrying out His commands: 1st, by organizing eight new societies:—A W.M.S. in each of these churches: Salem, Lincoln Avenue, East Hickory; 4 new Y.W.A.'s: Catawba, East Maiden, East Hickory, and Lenoir Rhyne College; one new R.A. at West Hickory. We now have organizations in 23 churches of the Association. Six churches have full graded unions composed of the W.M.S., Y.W.A., R.A., G.A., and Sunbeam Band.

2nd, by holding 66 Mission Study Classes and one week of Special Training when the Reverend J. C. Pipes, under the sponsorship of our Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Fred G. Womack, went into each district and with the help of our fine missionary Baptist preachers, conducted discussions on the Cooperative Program, which were most interesting and helpful.

Two important W.M.U. meetings were held in our Association this year. The Annual meeting, which convened at the First Church, Lincolnton, with 150 members in attendance, and the meeting of the Hickory Division, which is composed of 9 associations, at the First Church, Hickory, with 375 in attendance.

We have been training our young people in a special way by sending representatives from G.A.'s to the G.A. Houseparty at Ridgecrest. A group of R.A.'s attended the R.A. Conclave, and a group of 17 Y.W.A.'s, under the special care of our Young People's Leader, Miss Stella Coulter, spent 10 days at the Y.W.A. Camp. We have continually sponsored this cottage for ten years.

Special love gifts "over and above" have been the support of two native workers by one of our churches. All have entered into special work among the Negroes, prisoners, and underprivileged. Have held cottage prayer meetings, D.V.B.S., all leading up to soul winning, our special aim. Also dedicated to the Lord's work the life of Miss Kathryn Abee, President of the Y.W.A. Council, who entered the Louisville W.M.U. Training School.

For more effective work our Association is divided into 4 district with the following leaders:—Hickory Distriict, Mrs. C. P. Abernethy; Newton District, Mrs. G. P. Coulter; Maiden District, Mrs. James C. Sherwood; Lincolnton District, Mrs. W. G. Bandy.

With an able and earnest corps of workers composed of Miss Stella Coulter, Young People's Leader; Mrs. T. V. Lineberger, Associate Superintendent; Mrs. E. N. Carr, Secretary; Mrs. E. F. Sullivan, Treasurer; Mrs. O. S. Ulmer, Personal Service Chairman; Mrs. Fred G. Womack, Mission Study Chairman; Mrs. L. M. Kanipe, Literature Chairman; Mrs. B. R. McCreight, Stewardship Chairman; Mrs. J. S. Lander, W.M.U. Training School and Margaret Fund Chairman.

Our watchword "laborers together with God" we will still carry on the work of our Master by upholding of the chief aims of our W.M.U.: prayer, enlistment, study, personal service, tithes and offerings and the Mission Education of our Young People: "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. H. BOWLES, Supt.

13. At this time many other visitors were recognized by the Moderator.

14. The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

DIGEST OF LETTERS
James C. Sherwood, Chm.
W. C. Reed
E. W. Friday
Morris Baker
R. G. Blackburn

RESOLUTIONS
O. S. Ulmer, Chm.
T. H. Roach
R. M. Perry

CREDENTIALS
R. K. Redwine, Chm.
R. C. Shearin
C. H. Henderson

PLACE AND PREACHER
T. P. Pruitt, Chm.
Z. W. Brown
M. P. Rhyne
G. S. Whisnant
J. A. Steelman

TO AUDIT TREASURER'S BOOK
R. G. Mace, Chm.
R. G. Blackburn
P. K. Drum
W. A. Potts
W. M. Scronce

TO NOMINATE NEW MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Hoyle Love, Chm.
H. W. Baucom
L. B. Beal

15. The Report on Baptist Periodicals was read by Dr. W. R. Bradshaw and discussed by the same. (Also, the following day, the Reverend J. A. Hudson brought the Report on the Biblical Recorder and bothe reports were adopted then.) Reports adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Francis Bacon said: "Some books are to be read in parts and some few to be read wholly and with diligence and attention." "Reading maketh a full man." Reading provokes thought, and "As one thinketh in his heart, so is he."

In view of the influence of the printed page on our character, our denomination has done the exceedingly wise thing in seeking to put into the

homes of our people literature that keeps before them the challenge of the great work in which we are engaged.

We have "The Commission"—published monthly by our Foreign Mission Board—for 50c a year; and "Southern Baptist Home Missions"—published quarterly by the Home Mission Board—for 25c a year. These two papers give information of great value about our work in the homeland and the foreign fields. We would encourage our people to take and read them.

We are grateful for all of the publicatoins of the Woman's Missionary Union and of the Sunday School Board; let us read every one we can.

I would especially direct your attention to the Biblical Recorder and to the Charity and Children. Charity and Children has kept us informed about our orphanage work, its needs, and its successes. This paper can be had for $1.00 a year or in clubs of ten for 60c a year. The Recorder has kept us informed about our Baptist work in North Carolina, and given us limited information about our work abroad. It has been a forum for free and frank discussion of all appropriate and constructive subjects, and we believe its pages will be open for every Baptist in good standing —whether informed or ignorant, rich or poor—to express his views on any denominational subject if he shall express these views in a Christian spirit. The Recorder is now the property of the North Carolina Baptists. The subscription list should be increased.

Dr. Curtiss Lee Laws, an editor of the Watchman-Examiner for twenty-seven years, said: "Alone no man can make a great denominational paper. It has to be a matter of cooperation between editor and people, institutions and organizations of the denomination. Do not expect the editor to make brick without straw. Send the paper subscriptions, more subscriptions, and still more subscriptions. Without these subscriptions the paper cannot reach the people with the tidings of the Kingdom nor, indeed, can it exist."

Our people are not taking and reading Recorder and the Charity and Children to any great extent. From the last report, only 13 Sunday Schools in our Association of 41 Churches are reading Charity and Children, and about 30 persons in our Association personally subscribe for the Recorder. Eighteen churches have recorded clubs with 366 subscriptions. It is not because our people are not able to take the Recorder, because in clubs it only costs about 3c per week, and very few families are to poor that sum or the individual rate of $2.00 per year.

We want to commend Brother J. A. Hudson as the Recorder representative of the South Fork Association ,and we urge that in every church a Recorder representative be elected whose duty it will be, along with the aid of the pastor and Brother Hudson, to form a Recorder Club in that church.

There can be no complete cooperation without reading our denominational napers. These papers present to us a mighty challenge as they tell us about our needs here in this State and in the world.

Let us read more and let us do more in the cause of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. BRADSHAW.

THE REPORT ON THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

For more than 100 years the Biblical Recorder has served the Baptists of North Carolina. During these years it has informed our people regarding the work of the Kingdom here in North Carolina, thruout the South, and of greater movements over the entire world. By contending for the Faith "once delivered to the saints," and upholding the Truth as given in the Scriptures and interpreted by men of faith, the Recorder has been an anchor to our Baptist cause, and many an individual; has steadied us through many storms of controversy, and saved from many

heresies. Our Church has made great progress during the last 100 years, and without doubt, the Biblical Recorder has been responsible for much of this progress.

Until January 1, 1939, the Recorder was owned by a group of Baptist Preachers and laymen, but is now owned by the Baptists of North Carolina. The paper served the Cause well under private ownership, but will likely serve a greater purpose under the new arrangement. The main object now before us is to get our people to subscribe to the Biblical Recorder we own and control. We now have more than 13,000 subscriptions, but we should have several times this number.

Dr. John C. Slemp, our most efficient editor, and his staff are seeking the cooperation of every pastor and layman in the state in getting the Recorder in every Baptist home. A representative is appointed in each association to keep the matter before the churches, and then a representative is chosen in each church to present the paper to the members of the church.

An effort is made to secure a "Biblical Recorder Club" in each church. The regular rate is $2.00 per year, while the club rate is only $1.50. We now have 18 clubs, and 366 club members in the South Fork Association. Our aim is 42, the number of churches in the Association. This goal can be reached if the Pastors and laymen will cooperate. And what could be of more benefit or a greater blessing to our churches, and to the individual homes.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. HUDSON.

16. The Treasurer's Report was read by J. Y. Killian, discussed by same, E. F. Sullivan, and R. K. Redwine. The report was adopted after the report of the Auditing Committee.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Report of the Scholarship Fund

On May 1, 1940, the Town of Maiden paid their note of $1500.00, and on June 7, 1940, this fund was used to purchase 15 paid-up shares of Mutual Building and Loan Stock of Hickory, North Carolina.

Funds invested as follows:

Mutual Building and Loan Association, Hickory, N. C.	$1,500.00
W. D. Hursey, Claremont, N. C., note	500.00
G. S. Whisnant, Maiden, N. C., note	400.00
B. B. Burris, Newton, N. C., note	200.00
Total	$2,600.00

Receipts:

Nov. 1, 1939, Interest collected from the Town of Maiden	$ 90.00
May 15, 1940, Interest collected from G. S. Whisnant, Maiden	24.00
May 15, 1940, Interest collected from B. B. Burris, Newton	12.00
May 4, 1940, Borrowed from General Associational Funds	5.50
July 1, 1940, Dividend from Mutual B. & L. Association Stock	4.00
Total	$135.00

Disbursements:

Nov. 10, 1939, Paid Mars Hill College, 1st Semester tuition for Miss Daisy Ervin	$ 55.00
May 8, 1940, Paid Mars Hill College, 2nd Semester tuition for Miss Daisy Ervin	55.00
Nov. 10, Jan. 18, & Jan. 28, Paid Miss Ervin balance due her	

on Scholarship fund	21.50
Oct. 1, 1940, Balance in Shuford National Bank, Newton, N. C.	4.00
Total	$135.50

October 10, 1940, Contribution at the Association to supplement the Scholarship funds for payment of tuition of Miss Franklin for the coming year at Mars Hill College, $30.52.

General Associational Funds

Receipts:

Oct. 1, 1939, Balance on hand in Shuford National Bank, Newton	$ 30.82
Oct. 3-21, 1939, Total collection for minutes and Clerk hire	189.09
Oct. 29, 1939, Sunday Contribution	7.52
Dec. & Feb., 1939-40, Associational Sunday School Convention	9.64
Mar. & Apr., 1940, Associational Sunday School Convention	8.91
Mar. 5, 1940, Sunday (Union Meeting) Contribution, Brookford	5.83
May 1, 1940, Spring Session of Association Contribution	5.57
May & June Associational Sunday School Convention	5.75
June 5th Sunday Union Meeting Contribution, Mt. Ruhama	7.69
June & July Associational Sunday School Convention	1.57
Total	$272.39

Disbursements:

Oct. 14, 1939, Expenses of the Association	$ 22.80
Dec. 8, 1939, Expenses of the Oct. 5th Sunday Union Meeting	5.20
Dec. 9, 1939, Expenses of printing minutes, Hickory Printing Co.	88.00
Dec. 9, 1939, Expenses of Clerk hire, M. S. Brittain, Clerk	35.00
Jan. & Feb., 1940, Expenses of Dec. & Feb. Associational Sunday School Convention	12.50
Mar. & Apr., 1940, Expenses of Mr. & Apr. Associational Sunday School Convention	3.50
Mar. 11 & Apr. 1, 1940, Expenses of printing, Hickory Printing Company	7.00
Apr. 1, 1940, Expenses of Mar. 5th Sunday Union Meeting	3.35
Apr. 1, 1940, Expenses of Rev. James C. Sherwood, Associational S.S. Supt. to State S.S. Convention, Lexington	2.50
Apr. 1, 1940, Expenses of Rev. Zeb Caudle to 5th Sunday Union Meeting at Brookford	1.50
Apr. 1, 1940, Expenses of the Spring Session of the Association at Corinth Church	9.14
May 4, 1940, Borrowed from funds to pay Mars Hill College balance on Tuition of Miss Daisy Ervin	5.50
June 8 & July 31, Expenses of May, June & July Associational Sunday School Convention	7.00
July 8, Expenses of postage and stationery for June 5th Sunday Union Meeting	3.15
July 8, Expenses of printing, Hickory Printing Co.	6.00
Sept. 18, Expenses of Promotion Meeting at Maiden, Rev. E. F. Sullivan	6.66
Sept. 18, Expenses of Promotion Meeting at Maiden, T. H. Caldwell	12.50
Oct. 1, 1940, Balance in Shuford National Bank, Newton, N. C.	41.34
Total	$272.39

Funds Collected for United Dry Forces

Oct. 10, 1940, Contribution at Association for United Dry Forces	$24.26
Oct. 10, 1940, Remitted to Hon. Cale K. Burgess, Supt., United Dhy Forces, Raleigh	$24.26

Respectfully submitted,

J. Y. KILLIAN, Treas. of Assn. &
Trustee of Scholarship Funds.

17. The Executive Committee recommended an offering to be taken to make up the deficit in the Scholarship Fund because of the change in the loan of this fund. Motion prevailed that this be done, and an offering of $30.52 was received.

18. Solo: "My Task", by Miss Margaret Abernethy, accompanied by Mrs. Darrell Lewis.

19. The Annual Sermon was called for and the appointee, the Reverend O. S. Ulmer, asked that the Reverend James C. Sherwood read the Scripture, Ephesians 4: 1-16, and lead in prayer; after this Brother Ulmer took his text from Genesis 5:22, his subject, "WALKING WITH GOD". He brought us a great message full of gospel truth.

20. Hymn: "Close to Thee".

21. Benediction by the Reverend Y. C. Elliott.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The South Fork Baptist Association reconvened at 1:30 P. M., being called to order by the Moderator.

22. Hymn: "Trust and Obey".

23. The Worship Period was led by the Reverend W. C. Laney, speaking on "Walking with God in Humility", after leading us in silent prayer.

24. Hymn: "In the Sweet By and By".

25. Christian Education Report was read by the Reverend J. A. Hudson, after which the report was adopted following addresses of the Reverend J. R. Cantrell and Prof. Zon Robinson.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our country has made rapid progress in training the masses of its future citizens. That this is the duty of the state no one would deny, for the state will never rise above its average citizen; therefore, it is behooves us as a civilized nation to give our children the best training possible. However, we as Christians cannot leave the responsibility of training our people to the state, for our state schools and colleges are not allowed to teach religion, and we feel that the "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Under this conviction we have established and are maintaining such institutions as we feel necessary to give our children a balanced education. This we believe to be Christian Education. In our system of schools and colleges we have four strictly Religious institutions. These are the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.; the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and the Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary and our Baptist W.M.U. Training School at Louisville, Ky. In addition to these we have 27 Senior colleges, 24 Junior colleges, and 12 Academies. The valuation of these schools, including endowment, is a little over 73 million dollars; and the total enrollment last year was almost 29,000. This represents a gain of 2,000 over the previous year.

Every Baptist should be proud of these educational institutions, for they are schools of the highest order; and to them we must look for a large percent of our leaders, both in the business world and in the Kingdom work. And for this we urge:

First, that we pray for these Christian institutions, and for the faithful men and women who serve in connection with them.

Second, that we support this most important phase of our denominational and Kingdom work by financing it through the Cooperative Program, and special offerings as opportunity affords.

And third, that we enlist as many as possible of our finest young men and women in our Baptist institutions that we may have more Spiritual men and women in the future for places of leadership.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. HUDSON.

26. At this time Brother Hudson introduced the Reverend J. R. Cantrell, President of Boiling Springs College, Boiling Springs, N. C., who addressed the body concerning our great Junior College work.

27. Hymn: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul".

28. Brother Redwine at this time introduced the Professor Zon Robinson, Religious Secretary of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., who addressed the body concerning our Senior colleges and stressed the need of the proposed chapel building for Wake Forest College.

29. The Reverend R. G. Mace read the Report of the Auditing Committee, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, have carefully examined all receipts and disbursements and find the report as made by the Treasurer to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,
R. G. MACE, Chm.
W. A. POTTS
PAUL K. DRUM
R. G. BLACKBURN.

30. Motion prevailed that the $5.50 borrowed from the General Fund of the Association that was loaned to the Scholarship Fund be donated to that fund.

31. The Sunday School Report was read by James C. Sherwood, after which he introduced Secretary L. L. Morgan of Raleigh, who discussed the report, and after the address by the Rev. Maines Rawls of Atlanta, Ga., the report was adopted.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Our Sunday Schools, the teaching agencies of our churches, are vital to our church life. Truly someone has said: "The Sunday School is one of the greatest assets of the church." For many years now most of our membership has come through and from the Sunday School. It is with joyful note that we say our Sunday Schools seem to be growing; and, with our recent Sunday School Revival among a good number of our Churches we look for greater things from every Sunday School this coming year.

Our Convention has held 10 meetings; in two of these meetings we have had departmental conferences which have proven most helpful. Our past speakers have brought splendid messages on the various phases of our work. Your Superintendent wishes to thank every church in which we met, those who helped so wonderfully with our programs, and all who came to any or all the meetings.

Last year was used in getting "our feet on the ground", and this year we earnestly ask every church to send their reports by the 10th of every month for the preceding month. Also, whole our attendance has been fine, let us increase the number attending these First Sunday afternoon meetings; and, also the number of churches with their Pastors and Superintendents. Let us all plan to be at every Sunday School Convention meeting this coming year unless providentially hindered.

Thanking you for your past cooperation and earnestly soliciting your prayers and cooperation for the future in this great work; and let us all strive to make our 41 Sunday Scholos the best for the sake fo our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES C. SHERWOOD.

32. Solo: "The Lord's Prayer", by Miss Stella Coulter, accompanied by Mrs. Guthrie Colvard.

33. At this time Brother L. L. Morgan introduced the Reverend Mainess Rawls of Atlanta, Ga., who addressed the body on our Sunday Schools.

34. At this time the Reverend Hoyle Love brought the Report of the Committee to Nominate New Members for the Executive Committee of the Association and was adopted by electing the following:

For Term Expiring 1943
E. F. Sullivan
T. H. Caldwell
C. W. Ervin

Also, J. P. Turbyfill to take the place of W. A. Potts, whose term expires 1941.

Signed by the Committee,
HOYLE LOVE, Chm.,
H. W. BAUCOM,
L. B. BEAL.

35. The Report of the Credentials Committee was read by the Reverend R. K. Redwine, after which East Hickory Church was accepted into the Association, and the Craigs Memorial Church, that had been under the watchcare, was also received into full membership.

These applications were approved by the following committee:—R. K. Redwine, Chm., R. C. Shearin, C. H. Henderson.

THE APPLICATION OF THE EAST HICKORY CHURCH

To the Moderator and Members of the South Fork Association:

The East Hickory Baptist Church, organized July 7, 1940, hereby makes application for membership in your body.

Hereto attached you will find copies of Articles of Faith and Church Covenant as adopted by this church. You will likewise find attached a list of the ministers composing the Presbytery which assisted in the organization of this church.

This application was made by order of the East Hickory Baptist Church in conference, September 29, 1940.

GUTHRIE COLVARD, Moderator.
J. B. DURHAM, Clerk.

36. Hymn: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning".

37. The Report on Stewardship was read by the Reverend R. K. Redwine, discussed by same, and was adopted.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship is man's cooperation with God on the basis that God owns everything and that everything man possesses is a trust from God. Both these ideas are foundation principles in Christian Stewardship.

Unfortunately Stewardship has come to be thought of as a system or plan for getting money out of man to support the work of a church or some Kingdom work. In our thinking and teaching, we have short-circuited the great doctrine as we act as we thought the end was to extract a liberal offering.

Stewardship has to do with making and using money as really as the giving of money.

If one-half the Baptists of the South Fork Association had loved God enough last year to give one-tenth of $300.00 each, the total offerings would be $127,000.00 or $20,000.00 more than the report shows.

If one-half had loved God enough to give a tithe of $600.00 each, $254,000.00, more than 2½ times as much as reported. If all the Baptists of the South Fork Association had loved God enough to bring a whole tithe of $600.00 each into God's storehouse, the report would show $510,000.00 or more than 5 times as much as reported.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD K. REDWINE.

38. Hymn: "Take Time to be Holy".

39. Benediction by the Reverend Guthrie Colvard.

EVENING SESSION

The Association reconvened at 7:05 P. M., being called to order by the Moderator.

40. Hymns: "There Is A Fountain" and "Throw Out the Life-Line".

41. The Worship Period was led by the Reverend Guthrie Colvard, reading Romans 8:1, and his subject: "Walking With God in Spirit"; after which he led in prayer.

42. The Report on Temperance and Public Morals was read by the Reverend S. M. Stroup and was adopted after addresses by Brethren Williams and Sullivan.

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS REPORT

The question of temperance, like the sin question, is ever before us. The great apostle reminds us that temperance is a fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5:23, hence it is a Christian virtue.

Christians strive to practice temperance in all things, and if immorality and drunkenness and all other forms of intemperance are not condemned by the people of God, we may be sure that no other group of people will ever speak against the curse of intemperance.

Too much cannot be said against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks. Liquor has proved to be a great curse to mankind. Men and nations fall under the evil influences of liquor. The lives that are being destroyed morally and spiritually by the use of strong drink in our nation alone would constitute an army suffcient in number, if they were men of Spiritual vision, to carry the gospel into all the world.

All of our people, young and old, should b einformed regarding the harmful effects of liquor. The home, the public schools, the colleges and universities, the church schools, the pulpit, and all other means of presenting the truth regarding the destructive effects of liquor should be utilized to present the truth to our people.

A small force of Field Representatives, who represent the cause of temperance in our state, speak in as many schools as possible each year. Last year these speakers addressed about 50,000 boys and girls in our high schools. Churches all over the state are cooperating in a great educational movement to teach and preach the dangers of strong drink and other habit forming drugs. Programs and speakers were sent to 2400 churches last year. Literature has been supplied to inform our people regarding the harmful effects of liquor and to urge total abstinence.

Respectfully sbumitted,
S. M. STROUPE.

43. Hymn: "At the Cross".

44. The Reverend L. R. Williams addressed the body on "THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY VERSUS STRONG DRINK."

45. Solo: "Take Thou My Hand", by Dr. W. D. Yelton, accompanied by Miss Louise Miller.

46. The Reverend E. F. Sullivan addressed the Association on "THE SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED AGAINST THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC."

47. Motion prevailed that an offering be taken for the United Dry Forces to be sent to the State Secretary, Raleigh; this offering amounted to $24.26.

48. The Baptist Training Union Report was read by Clegg Arndt, and discussed by Miss Elizabeth Campbell, and adopted after an address by Brother Brooks.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

Twenty-two of the 42 churches in our Association have the Training Union. In the 19 churches without Unions there are 2,384 church members and 2,246 enlisted in Sunday School. In our 22 churches with Training Unions there are 6,062 church members and 6,882 enrolled in the Sunday School, with an enrollment in the Training Union of 1,525.

Several churches have added the Training Union Program in their work during the past year. East Hickory Church, a new church, started off their church with the Training Union. Corinth, Newton First, and Reepsville have also added the Training Union to their program. During the past year 20 Unions (these include Juniors, Intermediates, Young People and Adult) and 5 Story hours have been organized. Also, in the past year over 1000 Training Union Awards have bee nissued in our Association.

The week of July 21-26, the Reverend Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., State Training Union Secretary, and his group of Summer Workers conducted a Training Union Enlargement Campaign in our Association. There were 9 new individual Unions formed that week, so a great deal of the success of the Training program in our Association is due to their work. 19 Churches entered into this campaign. During the week there was a class enrollment of 1,688, with 846 awards given.

What is the need the Training Union meets?—Efficient Church members. As the U. S. Government trains soldiers for service in the army, so in the Baptist Training Union a Baptist Church trains its members for service in the regular lines of church work.

Our Aim is Every Church Member in Every Church in our Association in a Training Program of the Church. Is this too large? How can we accomplish this? Invite us into your churches to show you what the Training Union really is; give the Training Union a chance. Call on your Associational Training Union Officers and the various churches that have the Training Union; they are anxious to help you. Pray for the work. LET US GO FORWARD IN THE WORK OF TRAINING.

Respectfully submitted,
CLEGG ARNDT.

49. Solo: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" by Dr. W. D. Yelton, accompanied by Miss Louise Miller.

50. Miss Elizabeth Campbell introduced the Reverend Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., State Training Union Secretary, Raleigh, who addressed the body on "THE POWER OF A FRESH EXPERIENCE."

51. Hymn: "I Am Bound For the Promised Land".

52. Benediction by the Reverend M. A. Adams.

SECOND DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1940
MORNING SESSION

The Association reconvened at 9:35 A. M., being called to order by the Moderator.

53. Hymn: "To the Work".

54. The Reverend R. G. Short led in prayer.

55. Hymn: "All the Power".

56. The Worship Service was led by the Reverend R. G. Mace, reading Ephesians 5:2, and his subject: "Walking With God in Love"; after which he led in prayer.

57. The Report of the Biblical Recorder was read by the Reverend J. A. Hudson; after Brother Hudson's discussing it and the address by Mr. David Morgan of Raleigh, both the report on Baptist Periodicals and the report on the Biblical Recorder were adopted. For the Biblical Recorder Report, see below the Report on Baptist Periodicals.

58. Brother Hudson introduced Mr. David Morgan, Representative of the Biblical Rceorder, Raleigh, who addressed the Association.

59. Motion prevailed that the Recorder Report and the Report on Baptist Periodicals be combined.

60. At this time several visitors were recognized.

61. Report on State Missions was read by the Reverend C. H. Henderson.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

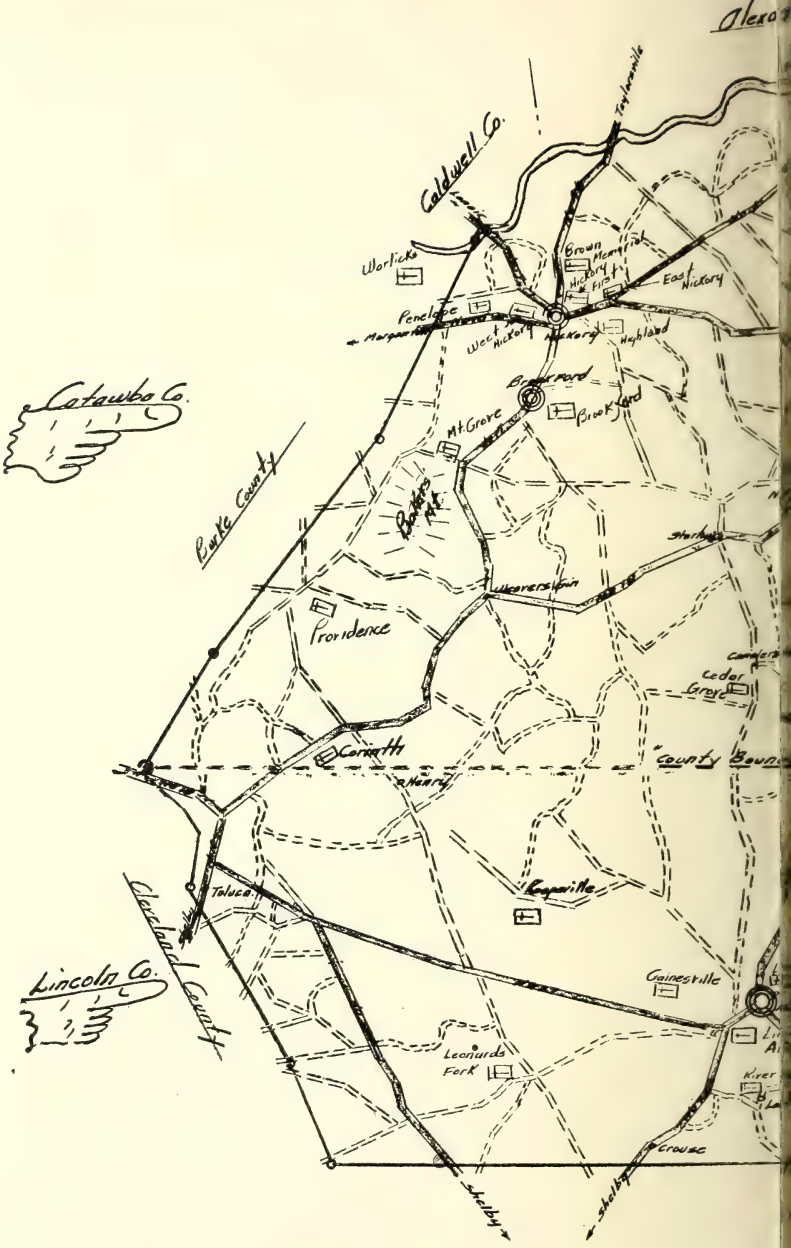
The State Mission problem in North Carolina is acute. There are about two million people in our state who make no profession of religion at all. There are in round numbers 200,000 people within the bounds of our State Convention, members of Baptist Churches who do nothing to advance the Kingdom of Christ. There are over 200,000, or one-half of our membership, who do not attend Sunday School.

Our State Mission Board is trying to solve the above problems with the income from its share of the Cooperative Program.

Our State Mission Board is keeping two General Missionaries on the field, who are doing efficient service among the Pastors and people, leading them to a deeper meaning of Stewardship.

The State Mission Board has been doing a praiseworthy piece of work among the Indians of Robeson County through Reverend and Mrs. M. C. Lunsford.

Possibly one of the most worthy pieces of work of the State Board is being done in the support of Brethren Summerville, General Secretary of the Negro Convention; and J. H. Clanton, Director of Religious Education and Training among the Negroes. Brother Wane Williams is being partially supported at Oteen by the State Mission Board. The Black Mountain Pastor at Western Sanitorium. Brother E. M. Harris at Sana-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torium and Samarcand.

Through the Circulating Library and Pastors' Schools, the State Mission is doing much to Educate and Train the Ministry of the State. Through our capable Educational Secretary, Brother Perry Crouch, Christion Education is gaining a higher place in the Kingdom Program of the State.

About 75 pastors are being supported on Mission Fields. These are serving about 150 churches. These are only a few of the many places and institutions in our State that need Mission support.

Your reporter lost year calle dattention to the fact that if the members of the South Fork Association were practicing Biblical Stewardship that they alone could do all the entire state is doing for State Missions.

How long will we continue to rob God, and suffer internally and externally because we are robbing Him?

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. HENDERSON.

62. The Report on Home Missions was read by the Reverend L. A. McLure and discussed by him briefly.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The strategic point of approach to the world task is the homeland. Christ must conquer in the homeland if we expect to win victories for Him in the lands afar. We must make the religion Jesus triumphant at home if we would make it triumphant abroad.

The Home Mission Board is giving itself to the task of giving our Christ to our country. The Board believes that the heart and soul of Missions is making and baptizing disciples. It is therefore majoring on preaching the Gospel among the Indians, the Foreigners, the Negroes, in the congested centers and sections of our land, and in Cuba and Panama.

The past year has been a glorious year of achievement for Home Missions. The Lord has richly blessed our missionaries in every field. We have now 411 missionaries working in 863 Mission stations. During the past year we have added 40 to our Mission force, opened 93 new Mission stations; and, acquired 14 pieces of property. During the past year our Missionaries have distributed 40,362 Bibles, Testaments, and portions of Scripture, and 660,847 tracts. They have preached 34,008 sermons, led over 9,000 to make professions of faith in Christ, and received into the fellowship of the churches 4,672.

The past year has been one of the best financially for many years for the Home Mission Board. Receipts were larger than for the year before. Marked progress has been made in the payment of the debt. The Board received from all sources in 1939, $544,289.04. This is an increase over the receipts of the year before. The Treasurer's report shows that $159,585.15 was paid on the principal of the debt. A debt paying program has been mapped out that will liquidate all the debts of the Home Mission Board by 1945, provided the receipts do not fall below the receipts of 1939.

There are now in the bounds of the Home Mission Board 61,000 or more lost souls to every Missionary we have at work. Is it possible for them to reach and win all these lost souls? Surely it is time for us who profess to be His followers to be about the Master's business.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. McCLURE.

63. The Report on Foreign Mission was read by the Reverend Fred G. Womack.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

"In the midst of death and destruction there is life." The two kingdoms in the world are positively and actively engaged in their particular work; the kingdom of this world is ravishing and destroying human life and property at a staggering and awful rate of speed, while the Kingdom of God is extending and expanding steadily, surely and victoriously. The Spirit of the Savior of the worl dis penetrating the encampments of the enemy, and hosts take up the battle cry, "Onward!" "Forward!" So our Lord's command, "Advance! Ye Soldiers of the Cross", is the word.

The Foreign Mission Board now has 456 missionaries and 2,900 native workers in the 16 countries in which it is operating. Scattered throughout the field there are 1883 churches, of which 1,180 are self-supporting, and 3,269 outstations. The total membership of these churches is 236,-265. During the past year 18,606 have come into the fellowship of the churches by baptism.

During the last seven years the indebtedness on the Board has been reduced from $1,110,000 to $245,000. It is firmly believed that the Board will be entirely free of debt when its 100th Anniversary is observed in 1945.

The high mark of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was in 1939 when the ingathering was $330,424.70. As a result of these gifts, scores of missionaries have been sent out, missionary homes have been built, chapels and schools have been erected, hospitals have been repaired and enlorged. Indeed the conditions of the Great Commission have been carried out through the generous outpouring of our Southern Baptist women and children.

From practically every part of the world there come reports concerning the progress of the Gospel. Word has come of the mavelous work of grace in the hearts of Japanese students. In the boys school 550 declared their purpose to follow Christ, and in the girls school 531 accepted Him as their personal Savior.

Thrilling stories come from China in the midst of horrible war and unspeakable suffering as they pause to consider God's dealing during the last war, and they rejoice that "His compassion fail not. They are new every morning."

1939 has been a year of progress in Africa concerning our Baptist work. The missionary personnel has been increased numerically and in effectiveness by the fine character, training and talens of those who have joined the ranks of the Foreign Mission Board. There is a fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the African Co-laborers which has made for encouragement and progress. Dr. George Green writes, "We, in Nigeria, are joining with Baptists of the world in the united effort for evangelism in 1940.

Our Missionaries are staying in Europe and the Near East during these perilous times, and the Lord is blessing their labors. A few Jews and Arabs are accepting Christ and men are being converted in prison and concentration camps in Europe. From Hungary this word comes that there is progress in every line of work.

The Baptists of Rumania have been recognized as a cult by decree. This is a step forward, but there are still those who think that our friends in that country will not have full liberty until they are recognized as a religious community by a royal law.

Because of the unspeakable circumstances that the war has occasioned, British and other European Baptists have been forced to limit their missionary activity. More than 400 British Missionaries are likely to be cut off from the Mother Society. "Southern Baptists have their own burdens, but surely they will not deny the pitiful appeal for help that comes from across the Atlantic."

In South America the general trend has been forward even though the times have been very trying. Pastors and workers are constantly seeking the lost. This evangelistic effort has been so successful that there are in Brazil alone 53,666 members of Baptist Churches.

The arrival of new missionaries in Mexico gives encouragement. There are a number of additions to the churches on profession of faith.

May the Lord hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world shall be the kingdoms of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED G. WOMACK.

64. Solo: "Fear Not" by Mrs. Ruby Newton, accompanied by Mrs. Guthrie Colvard.

65. Dr. W. R. Bradshaw introduced the Reverend Perry Crouch, Educational Secretary, North Carolina Baptist Convention, Raleigh, who addressed the body on "BAPTISTS WORKING TOGETHER."

66. The Reverend R. K. Redwine spoke about the Emergency Offering of the British Baptist Missionary Society.

67. At this time the Reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions were adopted.

68. Solo: "Others" by Mrs. L. P. Frans, accompanied by Mrs. Guthrie Colvard.

69. The Report on Evangelism was read by the Reverend O. S. Ulmer.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Our Lord, in commissioning us to go into all the world and make disciples of every creature, has placed the responsibility of a lost world on our shoulders. However, He does not leave us alone nor dependent upon our own strength in this great task. He has promised to go with us all the way, "even unto the end of the world." When we look around us and see the number of lost people all about us we must realize that this challenge of our Lord begins right at our doors. Your committee wonders if we in the South Fork Association are really as much concerned about it as we should be. From a study of the reports of the churches we find that there were only 364 baptisms in our entire Association during the past twelve months. This is 226 less than we had the year ebfore. We also note that one-fifth of the churches in the Association reported no baptisms. Can it be that we are not aware of the fact that there are hundreds, yea thousands, of lost souls all about us? Or is it that we just do not care? There are many people within the shadow of our churches who could with David say, "No man cares for my soul."

Note further that we have an increase in our total membership of 631. This is 423 less than the increase reported last year. Many of our people are moving from place to place and they need to be lined up with the church in the community where they come to live.

Your committee recommends that we all go back to our respective places of service with the burden of the lost on hearts. That we talk to God earnestly every day about it. And that we let Him use us to

help Him do something about it.

"He's counting on us the story to tell,
His scheme of redemption for man;
He's counting on you, He's counting on me,
The Master hath no other plan."

Respectfully submitted,
O. S. ULMER, Chm.,
H. B. JONES,
J. A. HUDSON,
R. K. REDWINE,
J. C. SHERWOOD.

70. Brother Ulmer introduced Dr. C. Frank Pittman, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C., who spoke on Evangelism.

71. The Evangelism Report was adopted.

72. The Report of the Executive Committee was read by the Reverend E. F. Sullivan and discussed by the same and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee has held several meetings this year, at which reports were made and plans laid for the work of the Association.

We have promoted and carried out three union meetings and also the regular Spring Session of the Association.

The Annual Fellowship Meeting for all church workers was held in Maiden. It was the most effective meeting and the best attended meeting of the kind which we have had.

The Committee has cooperated with the Trustee of the Scholarship Fund in efforts to place this fund where it will be safe and at the same time yield returns sufficient to keep a girl in Mars Hill College.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN, Chm.

73. Hymn: "More Love to Thee".

74. Benediction by the Reverend W. B. Bryant.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reconvened at 1:20 P. M., being called to order by the Moderator.

74. Hymn: "I Am Bound For the Promised Land."

75. The Worship Service was led by the Reverend L. A. McClure, readinf Psalm 133 and his subject: "Walking With God in Unity"; after which he led in prayer.

76. The Orphanage Report was read by T. H. Caldwell, and after discussion and address was adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE OF N. C.

More than a half century ago some denominational leaders felt the

need of an institution to take care of the Orphans of our state.

C. T. Bailey, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, attempted to create favorable sentiment by editorials through his papers with the question, "Is a church required by the Scripture to take care of the dependent orphans of deceased members?"

Men as T. H. Pritchard and W. R. Gwaltney agreed with Mr. Bailey that the church is under Scriptural obligation to take care of its poor members and all the Orphans left destitute by its deceased members.

During the session of the North Carolina State Convention held in Raleigh, 1884, a state Orphanage Association was formed. This association had no connection with the convention, and any person contributing as much as one dollar became a member.

Through the efforts of the association, the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage Asylum was opened at Thomasville in 1885, with J. H. Mills as General Manager.

Mr. Mills had many difficulties during the first year in sustaining the institution. In 1888 the Orphanage entered into organic connection with the Convention and placed the institution under the control of a Board of Trustees of limited terms, all vacancies in the Board to be filled by the convention. Mr. Mills served as General Superintendent until 1895, by which time the plant was fairly wlel equipped. Since then, J. B. Boone, M. L. Kesler, and I. G. Greer, with their many problems and disappointments, have successfully kept the institution going.

At present the responsibilities of managing the Orphanage rest on Supt. I. G. Greer; Treasurer, R. D. Covington; and Editor of the Charity and Children, J. A. McMillan.

In the Mills Home and the Kennedy Home there are now about 600 children. They are under Christian matrons and teachers. Living conditions are excellent and the health record is unparalleled. It is to be regretted that 300 or more applications must be rejected yearly.

The children who compose the population of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina may be classified under three heads: full orphans, half orphans, and victims of deserted and wrecked homes. These children are being cared for by three well recognized methods of church caring agencies. Mother's Aid, Boarding homes and the Orphanage proper. In addition to these our case workers are rendering a fine service by helping children and parents make adjustments with their neighbors and relatives.

The demands upon the Orphanage authorities have never been greater. They receive upon an average of 45 applications every month during the year. No matter how urgent the demands, the policy of the Orphanage leaders is not to make special appeals. Special appeals for other causes may come and go, but the constant stream of human want go on day after day and year after year until the purpose of Christ through His church has been fulfilled.

The past year was one of the best in the history of the Orphanage, but imperative needs continue to increase.

The care of the orphan child was intrusted to us by Christ Himself. We cannot shun this Christian responsibility and claim to be practicing pure religion. When appeals are made to Orphanage authorities, they have nowhere to go, they do not want any place to go for financial support other than individuals, Sunday Schools, and churches.

We suggest as a goal for the Association next year; a monthly contribution from each church or Sunday School, gifts of produce in season, a real Thanksgiving offering in November and a club of Charity and Children in each Sunday School. In order to reach this goal we recommend that our Orphanage representative in the Association be continued to contact every Sunday School and church in the Association. "Inas-

much as ye have done unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. CALDWELL.

77. The Report on the Orhpanage was discussed by T. P. Pruitt, our Associational Representative, also a membre of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage.

78. Brother Pruitt introduced Dr. J. A. McMillan, Editor Charity and Children, Thomasville, who addressed the body on "THE BAPTIST REQUEST: SHOW US."

79. Hymn: "Rock of Ages."

80. The Report on the Minister's Retirement Plan was read by the Reverend E. F. Sullivan and was adopted after he had discussed the report.

THE MINISTER'S RETIREMENT PLAN

Most of us believe in social security. The government enforces it for those employed in business and industry. Our denomination has created The Minister's Retirement Plan in order that pastors and missionaries may have the benefits of social security on a voluntary basis rather than a compulsion of law.

Paul in I Corinthians 9:14 says, "Even so the Lord hath ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." The Lord sent His prophet, Elijah, to the poor widow to be fed. Shall we do less for God's phophets today? It has been said that the Retirement Plan enables the denomination, the local church, and the pastor himself to pool their resources in furnishing a meal barrel for the pastor when the time comes for him to retire. The church pays an amount equal to 4% of the Pastor's salary, the pastor himself pays an amount equal to 4%, and the denomination pays $18.00 for each participating.

The Minister's Retirement Plan provides no income for active pastors who still draw a salary. It is designed to help all disabled, aged, and indigent participants whose regular salaries have been discontinued. Should any participating member not retire, but "die in harness," his money, plus interest additions, will be returned to his loved ones or his estate. However, the amount paid by his church or churches would not be returned, for dues paid by a church are not credite dto its own pastor, but into a state group fund that is used for all pastors retiring under the plan.

Henry Ford says that most of our big business concerns would be forced to close for lack of brains, if the leaders above 45 were forced to retire. Baptist Churches do not agree with this idea, and force most of their pastors to retire at their most productive age. This causes a great host of faithful men of God to be on the unemployed list. The Ministers Retirement Plan provides for these unemployed and thus saves embarrassment to both pastors and churches.

There are more than 20,000 ardained Baptist ministers in the South, of these certainly there must be 12,000 in active service, and we have 4,000 of these participating in the Minister's Retirement Plan. Six thousand churches have gone into the plan.

We heartily commend this plan to the pastors and churches of the South Fork Association.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SULLIVAN.

81. The Report on the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, was read by Mrs. J. W. Bowles and discussed by the same, and after the address by Dr. Hagaman, was adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

What the N. C. Baptist Hospital has meant to thousands of sufferers all over our State cannot be estimated in mere dollars in the 18 years since its establishment. It has outgrown its present capacity of 108 beds and plans are well under way to expand to 300 beds, which will mean 10,000 patients a year can be care dfor instead of 4,099, its present capacity. This enlarged building will be equipped with the most modern appliances.

On the same grounds and at the same time the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, of Wake Forest College, will be built. Building and equipment endowed by the Bowman Gray estate, of Winston-Salem. This will be a full four-year medical school.

The personnel of the Hospital is now, as in past years, composed of the ablest medical and surgical doctors, many of them giving time and service to the scik, who are unable to pay.

The institution continues to require young women of the highest type, mentally and physically, to enter the school of nursing; trying to scatter these applicants over the state.

To March 11, 1940, 47,460 patients have been admitted since its opening. Preachers, missionaries, and ministerial students among the number. 19,000 charity patients were treated at a cost of $1,900,000.00 . In 1939, 4099 patients were treated and for lack of room 3000 were turned away.

The Hospital depends solely on Mother's Day Offerings to supplement the $1.00 a day from the Duke Endowment Fund for each charity patient.

All denominations and those not members of any church are admitted and ministers of different churches visit the hospital daily.

The Hospital in 1939 vitally touched the lives of 20,000 fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters. Over 1000 mothers returned to gladden the hearts and lives of their children.

Enlarging the Hospital from 108 beds to 300 will stop turning thousands of sick away for lack of room. The economy effected by increasing the number of beds or patient capacity without increasing the overhead more than 15% as has been estimated, will tend to further reduce the present low cost per day per patient.

The magnificent gift by the Bowman Gray estate for the medical school, or donations by churches, or individuals ofr enlarging the hospital are used for those two purposes only, and having nothing to do with the running expenses of the hospital.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERINGS ARE THE HOPE OF THE SICK POOR.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. W. BOWLES.

82. Mrs. Bowles introduced Dr. Smith Hagaman, Supt. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. who addressed the Association.

83. The Report of the Committee on Place and Preacher was read by T. P. Pruitt and was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the Association meet with the Mount Ruhama

Baptist Church at its 1941 session.

We recommend that Brother Yancey Elliott, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lincolnton, be selected to preach the Ennual Sermon and that Brother J. A. Hudson, Pastor of Catawba and Olivet Baptist Churches, be selected as the Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
T. P. PRUITT, Chm.,
G. S. WHISNANT,
Z. W. BROWN,
M. P. RHYNE,
J. A. STEELMAN.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Baptisms	364	a loss of	226
Church Membership	8861	a gain of	401
Sunday School Enrollment	8961	a loss of	3
Baptist Training Enrollment	1826	a gain of	437
Woman's Missionary Union Enrollment	1795	a gain of	484
Gifts to Local Work	$ 81,100.61	a gain of	$3,931.60
Gifts to the Orphanage	3,751.36	a gain of	546.51
Gifts to Missions (Other than Orph'ge)	17,328.00	a gain of	1,954.61
Gifts to all Causes, Local & Benevolent	102,179.97	a gain of	4,928.93

42 Churches reported Sunday Schools.
23 Churches reported Baptist Training Unions.
21 Churches reported Woman's Missionary Unions.
9 Churches reported no baptisms.
4 Churches gave nothing to the Orphanage.
1 Church gave nothing at all to Benevolences.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES C. SHERWOOD, Chm.,
W .C. REED,
E. W. FRIDAY,
R. G. BLACKBURN,
MORRIS BAKER.

85. The Memorial Service for Our Departed Loved Ones was beautifully conducted by the Reverend E. J. Harrill. The names are as follows:

IN MEMORIAM

BETHEL
Mrs. J. L. Wavey

CATAWBA
Mrs. Lewis F. Danner

CENTER VIEW
Mr. J. E. Hicks

CORINTH
Mrs. Vinie Speagle
Mrs. Ida Havner
Mr. Luther Dagerhardt

FAITH
Mr. D. E. Ballard

HICKORY FIRST
Mrs. Wm. V. Barger
Mrs. J. D. Elliott
Mrs. Hall Latta
Deacon C. W. Ellington
Deacon C. M. Hardin
Deacon F. G. Fincannon

WEST HICKORY
Mr. W. W. Beal
Mr. Amos Paige
Mr. M. L. Christopher

HIGHLAND
Mr. A. R. Weaver
Mr. J. T. Shipman
Mr. D. H. Gillie
Mrs. W. J. Anderson

LAWING CHAPEL
Mr. Joe Bradshaw

BOGER CITY
Mrs. Mollie Mullen
Mrs. Lillie Keener
Mr. N. A. Caldwell

LINCOLNTON FIRST
Mrs. Prue Howard
Mrs. P. C. Heavener
Mrs. Robert Jonas
Mrs. Lola Smith
Mr. G. W. Abernethy

EAST MAIDEN
Mrs. Bessie Abraham
Mr. John Cline

MAIDEN FIRST
Mr. I. I. Williams
Mr. Luther Litten
Mrs. Pansy K. Bumgarner

MACEDONIA
Mr. O. H. Ewing
Mr. D. R. Hovis
Deacon J. P. Armstrong

SOUTHSIDE
Mr. L. A. Canipe

MOUNT RUHAMA
Mrs. Minerva Abernethy

MOUNT ZION
Mrs. Walter Ervin
Mrs. Mattie Senter

MOUNTAIN GROVE
Mrs. J. B. Rockett

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Mr. Lee Roy Cloninger

NEWTON FIRST
Mrs. J. A. Speagle
Mrs. C. P. W. Sullivan
Mr. David C. Elliott, Jr.

NORTH NEWTON
Mr. Foster Stewart
Deacon J. H. Stewart

OLIVET
Deacon Robert M. Painter
Deacon F. Brooks Lilley

PENELOPE
Miss Sadie Heavener
Mr. E. J. Land
Mr. A. C. Sneed

RIVERVIEW
Mr. J. W. Poovey
Mrs. J. B. Summey

SALEM
Mrs. W. H. Lewis
Mrs. W. L. Garrison
Mr. W. L. Garrison

SHARON
Mr. C. A. Lineberger

WARLICKS
Mrs. Aubrey Champion

86. The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by the Reverend O. S. Ulmer and was adopted by a rising vote of thanks to our host church.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Resolutions recommends: First, that we express our interest in the Emergency Appeal which has come to us concerning the work of the British Baptist Missionary Society, and that we urge all of our churches to take a special offering for this purpose.

Second, that we express our appreciation to our Moderator and the other officers for the fine way in which they have conducted the work of the Association.

Third, we are also grateful to the Mrs. Frans and those who have worked with her in providing us with appropriate music for our program; and to every one who has brought a report, discussion, or special message. All of which has helped to make this one of the greatest meetings we have ever held.

Fourth, we are deeply indebted to the pastor of this church and his good people, also Riverview and Boger City for the fine way in which they have entertained us throughout our stay in Lincolnton. We feel sure that every messenger and visitor joins in saying, "Thank You!"

Respectfully submitted,
O. S. ULMER, Chm.,
T. H. ROACH,
R. M. PERRY.

87. The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE	NOMINATING COMMITTEE
R. C. Shearin, Chm.	C. H. Henderson, Chm.
L. R. Williams	H. B. Jones
L. A. McClure	Guthrie Colvard
State Missions	M. P. Rhyne
Home Missions	Morris Baker
Foreign Missions	L. M. Kanipe
Baptist Hospital	Mrs. J. O. Shuford
Memorial Committee	Hoyle Love
Ministerial Relief and Retirement	W. C. Reed
Woman's Missionary Union	Mrs. R. H. Bowles
Baptist Training Union	Elizabeth Campbell
Stewardship	E. F. Sullivan
Temperance and Public Morals	Paul K. Drum
Baptist Periodicals	F. G. Womack
Bible Schools	R. K. Redwine
Christian Education	O. S. Ulmer

88. Motion prevailed that the Assistant Clerk be paid $10.00 for his services.

89. Motion prevailed that the Committees on Evangelism and Stewardship be made Standing Committees.

90. The Evangelism Committee is as follows:

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

O. S. Ulmer, Chm., R. K. Redwine, J. A. Hudson,
J. C. Sherwood, H. B. Jones.

91. At this time the Election of Officers were called for. The Reverend O. S. Ulmer was in the chair during the election.

92. Officers were elected by the Association: As shown on page 4.

According to the Registration, all pastors of the Association were present, with the exception of the pastors of Antioch and Reepsville churches.

Associational Orphanage Representative ..... T. P. Pruitt, Hickory
Associational Biblical Recorder Representative ..... Referred to Ex. Comm.
Associational Baptist Hospital Representative ..... Mrs. J. W. Bowles, Lincolnton.

94. At this time Brother Redwine presented Brother L. L. Hatfield to the Association as the Moderator for the coming year.

95. The Moderator then asked for all pastors to come forward, and he gave his hand in token of his appreciation for the work that they are doing in the Kingdom.

96. Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie."

97. Benediction by the Reverend Y. C. Elliott, thus bringing to a close the 62nd Annual Session of the South Fork Association.

L. L. HATFIELD, Moderator
W. E. GARRISON, Vice-Moderator
M. S. BRITTAIN, Clerk
J. C. SHERWOOD, Assistant Clerk
J. Y. KILLIAN, Treasurer.

EXHIBIT C

HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE OF MEETING	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHED SERMON
October 24, 25, 26, 1912	Maiden First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	I. T. Newton
October 23, 24, 25, 1913	Mount Holly	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. J. Beach
October 22 23 24, 1914	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. C. Barrett
October 27, 28, 29, 1915	West Hickory	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. S. Connell
October 25, 26, 1916	East Gastonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. D. Harte
October 31, No. 1, 1917	Newton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	
November 21, 22, 1918	Belmont First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. L. Vipperman
October 29, 30, 1919	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. R. Bradshaw
October 27 28 1920	Mountain Grove	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	W. W. Rimmer
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1921	Lawing's Chapel	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	
September 28, 29, 1922	River View	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. C. Whitener
September 27, 28, 1923	Catawba	J. A. Snow	J. F. Click	H. R. Freeman
October 2, 3, 1924	Penelope	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. M. Robinson
October 1, 2, 1925	Lincolnton First	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	T. C. Singleton
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1926	Macedonia	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	C. D. Barton
September 29 30, 1927	Corinth	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	J. A. Ivey
September 27, 28, 1928	Mt. Ruhama	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	R. G. Short
September 26, 27, 1929	Mount Zion	Osborne Brown	J. F. Click	E. F. Hardin
October 2, 3, 1930	Warlick's	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	C. F. Pittman
October 1, 2, 1931	Maiden First	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	J. R. Cantrell
September 29, 30, 1932	Mountain Grove	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	M. I. Harris
September 28, 29, 1933	Olivet	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	R. K. Redwine
September 27, 28, 1934	Macedonia	L. L. Hatfield	R. H. Harrill	W. W. Marr
October 10, 11, 1935	Providence	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	T. H. Roach
October 8, 9, 1936	River View	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	W. R. Bradshaw
October 7, 8, 1937	Catawba	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	E. F. Sullivan
October 6, 7, 1938	Boger City	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	C. H. Henderson
October 5, 6, 1939	North Newton	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	L. A. McClure
October 10, 11, 1940	Lincolnton First	L. L. Hatfield	M. S. Brittain	O. S. Ulmer

TABLE I CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City, Co.?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	DAYS OF MEETING	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Pres. Mem.	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings During Year	Observance of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Bap. Papers
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Amity	Co	1905	L. A. McClure Alexis	1st & 3rd	87	3				2				88	No	1	2	
Antioch	Co	1922		2nd & 4th	47	1								48	No			
Bethel	Co	1896	J. B. Payne Lincolnton	3rd Sun.	50					2			1	47	No	1	1	
Boger City	Vil	1922	H. B. Jones Boger City	Twice Every S.	294	10	5			5			3	301	Yes	2	4	5
Brookford	Vil	1910	W. C. Laney Brookford	Every S.	129	2	7			2				136	Yes	3	3	21
Brown Memorial	Vil	1935	W. R. Bradshaw Hickory	1st Sun.	233	20	10							263	Yes	1	4	Clb
Catawba	Vil	1874	J. A. Hudson Catawba	Twice Every S.	218	7	3			6		1	1	220	No	1	4	11
Cedar Grove	Co	1902	M. G. Chapman Boger City	Every S.	61		2			4				59	No	1	2	
Center View	Co	1915	L. A. McClure Alexis	1st & 3rd	193	2	5			1			1	198	Yes	1	2	
Corinth	Co	1840	C. H. Henderson Hickory	2nd & 4th	173	2	1			1			3	172	Yes	1	4	11
Craig's Memorial	Vil	1940	M. G. Clour Mt. Holly	2nd & 4th	28	18	4	4	1	1	2			52	Yes	1	1	
Denver	Vil	1914	L. A. McClure Alexis	4th Sun.	11									11	No			
Faith	Co	1905	R. G. Blackburn Lincolnton	2nd & 3rd	74	1	2			3			1	73	No	2	2	4
Gainesville	Co	1923	R. G. Blackburn Lincolnton	2nd & 4th	105	5	1							111	No	2	3	1
Hickory First	Tn	1870	R. K. Redwine Hickory	Twice Every S.	836	16	50			31	6	8	6	851	Yes	1	4	72
East Hickory	Tn	1940	Guthrie Colvard Hickory	Every S.	*57		27	1						85	Yes	1		9
West Hickory	Vil	1900	R. C. Shearin Hickory	Every S.	366	29	13	7		6			3	406	Yes	2	4	26
Highland	Tn	1912	E. F. Sullivan Hickory	Twice Every S.	579	45	25	4	4	96		4	4	553	Yes	2	4	51
Kid's Chapel	Co	1871	R. K. Drum Maiden	4th Sun.	35		3							38	No	1	1	
Lawing's Chapel	Co	1908	L. A. McClure Alexis	2nd Sun.	179	9	3			6			1	184	Yes	1	2	1
Leonard's Fork	Co	1881	W. L. Brown Shelby	2nd & 4th	59					5				54	No	1	2	1
Lincoln Avenue	Tn	1927	Morris Baker Lincolnton	Every S.	217	1	12		4	21				213	Yes	1	1	
Lincolnton First	Tn	1858	Y. C. Elliott Lincolnton	Twice Every S.	277	7	34	2		19			5	296	Yes		3	21
Long Shoals	Vil	1919	A. F. Blackburn Lincolnton	Every S.	33	1	6			2		1		37	No	1	1	
Macedonia	Co	1922	L. A. McClure Alexis	2nd & 4th-5th	253	15	4			1			3	268		1	2	
East Maiden	Tn	1927	L. R. Williams Maiden	Twice Every S.	234	1	13			5			2	241	Yes	1	3	23
Maiden First	Tn	1890	J. C. Sherwood Maiden	Twice Every S.	518	17	11			19			3	524	Yes	1	4	46
Mt. Ruhama	Co	1816	L. A. McClure Alexis	1st & 2nd	371	12	2	1	1	16		1	1	369	Yes	1	2	2
Mt. Zion	Co	1869	R. G. Mace Alexis	1st & 3rd	140		3			5			2	136	No	1	2	
Mountain Grove	Co	1881	C. H. Henderson Hickory	1st & 3rd	125	4	3			1			1	130	No	1		
Mt. View	Co	1900	L. A. McClure Alexis	4th Sun.	153	6	2			4			1	156	No	1	2	
Newton First	Tn	1882	O. S. Ulmer Newton	Twice Every S.	445	27	37	3	1	12		3	3	495	Yes	1	4	4
North Newton	Vil	1921	Hoyle Love Newton	Twice Every S.	172	16	15	3	1	7	2		2	196	Yes	1	4	16
Olivet	Co	1833	J. A. Hudson Catawba	Every S.	253	15	7		2	2		1	2	272	Yes	1	2	7
Penelope	Vil	1888	F. G. Womack Hickory	Twice Every S.	490	21	6			15			3	499	Yes	2	4	28
Piney Grove	Co	1905	R. G. Short Hickory	1st & 3rd	61		1			1				61	No	1	2	
Providence	Co	1878	C. H. Henderson Hickory	2nd & 4th	141	1								142	No	1	4	9
Reepsville	Co	1888	E. W. Friday Dallas	1st & 3rd	116	4	10			7				123		2	2	
River View	Vil	1897	L. M. Kanipe Lincolnton	1st & 3rd	206	18	11	1		9			2	225	Yes	1	4	3
Salem	Co	1848	A. F. Blackburn Lincolnton	Every S.	119	2	1						3	119	Yes	1	1	6
Sharon	Co	1884	Morris Baker Lincolnton	2nd & 4th	81		3			1			1	82	Yes	1	2	
Southside	Co	1925	M. P. Rhyne Dallas	Every S.	144	23	2			8	2		1	158	Yes	2	4	
Warlicks	Co	1932	W. B. Bryant Patterson	1st & 3rd	123	3	7	1		9			1	124	Yes	2	1	2
TOTALS					8486	364	351	27	14	335	12	19	60	8816		51	103	380

*Church organized July 7, 1940. 57 Charter Members.

TABLE II
SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years & Up	Extension Dept.	Gen. and Dept. Officers	Have You A Mission S. S.?	Enrollment of Mission S. S.	Total Enrol., M. S. & O. T. & P.	What is Your Av. Attendance?	Baptisms from Sunday School	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers with Diplomas	Enrollment of Vacation School	Average Atten. of Vacation School	No. Depts. of Vacation School
Amity	R. M. Goodson Lincolnton		10		17		6	20					53		3						
Antioch	Albert Smith Lincolnton			8	14	8	10	6		5			51	28							
Bethel	W. B. Mullin Lincolnton		5	8		15		15					43	21							
Boger City	J. C. Burke Lincolnton	15	25	35	64	48	60	124		5			376	197	8	Yes	No	None			
Brookford	W. R. Lowman Brookford	24	22	33	42	26	67	24		5	No		243	125	2	Yes	No	None	150	133	14
Brown Memorial	Z. W. Brown Hickory	13	27	36	41	32	65	43		3			260	164	18	Yes	No		137	112	
Catawba	C. W. Ervin Catawba	13	8	22	23	21	34	47	13	4	No		185	108	7	Yes	No	None	57	41	6
Cedar Grove	H. A. Scronce Maiden	7	6	11	13	14	7	24		16	No		98	40		Yes	No	10			
Center View	J. P. Turbyfill Maiden													117			No				
Corinth	C. C. Propst Hickory		9	8	16	25	27	39		2	No		126	60		Yes	No	10			
Craig's Memorial	W. I. Porch Stanley		26		24			41					91	50	18	Yes	No	None			
Denver																					
Faith	Robert Hilton Stanley	0	6	4	3	0	8	17	0	0	No		38	25	1	No	No	None			
Gainesville	Z. T. Wise Lincolnton			21	15	27	15	24		6	No		108	60	3	Yes	No	7			
Hickory	T. P. Pruitt Hickory	122	50	96	110	126	153	330	50	27	No		1064	491	15	Yes	No	30			
East Hickory	C. A. Newton Hickory	0	22	24	33	34	19	69	0	3			204	139		Yes	No	None			
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz Hickory	33	44	76	114	100	88	226	12	13	No		706	300		No	No	None	184	134	23
Highland	W. B. Duncan Hickory	19	24	62	78	83	81	151	25	23	No		546	306	38	Yes	No	13	167	134	60
Kid's Chapel	Mrs. Abener Keever Iron Sta.			4	8		23	12		5			52	38							
Lawing's Chapel	G. E. Beal Lincolnton		8	14	24	29	22	47					144	97	9	Yes	No	None			
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. J. M. Hoover Crouse			5	10	20		15			No		50	35	1	No	No	None			
Lincoln Avenue	Alvin Sain Lincolnton	13	22		60	47	49	58		5			254	156		Yes	No	None			
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincolnton	15	14	26	34	32	35	76	12	17	No		261	130	7	Yes	No	9	100	97	17
Long Shoals	J. F. Gates Lincolnton	17	15	5	17	6	24	24					108	43	1	Yes	No	None			
Macedonia	M. L. Cash Lincolnton												110	80	9						
East Maiden	Clifton Turbyfill Maiden	20	22	28	40	35	50	45		10			250	216	1	Yes	No	10	60	50	6
Maiden First	W. C. Laney Maiden	26	20	41	62	50	90	105		4	No		398	211	15	Yes	No	None	150	121	16
Mt. Ruhama	Geo. W. Caldwell Newton	17	22	25	31	61	36	133					325	250	11	Yes	No	2			
Mt. Zion	Paul Hager Alexis		8		13	25	24	20					90	56		Yes	No	None			
Mountain Grove	C. S. Eckerd Hickory		12	20	18	30	29	28					137	66	4	Yes	No	None			
Mountain View	L. P. Gilleland Maiden		21		16	22	35	41			No		135	85	6	No	No	None	117	85	9
Newton First	Harry Miller Conover	32	38	39	66	71	80	104	8	3			441	290	25	Yes	No	10			
North Newton	Paul Rink Newton	25	30	33	56	25	24	88	10	2			293	160	16	Yes	No	None			
Olivet	Joe C. Saunders Catawba		22	18	27	35	56	69		7	No		234	146	13	Yes	No	None	65	43	6
Penelope	V. C. Martin Hickory	22	26	50	83	81	21	89		8			380	164	21	Yes	No	None	86	70	5
Piney Grove	P. E. Caldwell Catawba	6		14	11		21	29		2			83	45							
Providence	M. S. Brittain Hickory	4	3	8	14	13	7	30		16			95	70		Yes	No				
Reepsville	McKinley Scronce Vale	8	10	10	11	11	21	25			No		96	75	4	Yes	No	6			
River View	F. J. Young Lincolnton		20	20	40	53	84	81					298	196	10	Yes	No	None			
Salem	P. V. Cloninger Dallas		21	12	12		42	18		8	No		113	60	3	No	No	None			
Sharon	Peter S. Dellinger Iron Sta.			19	8		15	18		6	No		66	35		No	No	None			
Southside	Vernon Smith Lincolnton	30	14	17	21	15	73	34		12			216			No	No	None			
Warlick's	Rufus Bean Connelly Spgs.	7	6	19	8	20	20	49		11			140	90	10	Yes	No	2			
TOTALS		488	638	871	1297	1240	1521	2438	130	228			8961	5025	279			109	1173	1020	162

TABLE III

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION & MEN'S BROTHERHOODS
SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1940

CHURCHES	DIRECTOR OF TRAINING UNION	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions and Story Hours	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Total Enrolled Unions & Sty. Hrs.	Total No. Daily Bible Readers	No. Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers in All Uns.	Has Training Un. Been A-1 for Qtr.?	No. of Unions A-1 for 1 Qtr.	Stu. in Bap. Cols. from Your Church	No. General and Dept. Officers
Amity																				
Antioch	C. C. Divine ..... Lincolnton																			
Bethel																				
Boger City	O. L. Wright ..... Lincolnton	1	1	1	2	1	6	26	22	18	30	10	106	29	39	53	No			
Brookford	Miss Mae Balick Brookford	1	2	1	2	1	7	12	22	17	16		67	29	34	30	No			
Brown Memorial	Edwin Witherspoon Hickory	1	1	1	1	1	5	14	12	26	18	12	82	19	25	33				
Catawba	Charles Brown ..... Catawba	1	1	1	1		4	9	12	18	14		53	14	35	53	No		1	
Cedar Grove	M. W. Hoyle ..... Maiden	1	1	1	1	1	5	11	6	12	17		46	0	16	0	No			
Center View																				
Corinth	Miss Eliz. Bledsoe ... Hickory	1	1	1			3	12	14	15			41	10	18	33			4	
Craig's Memorial	W. I. Porch ..... Stanley			1			1			25			25							
Denver																				
Faith																				
Gainesville																				
Hickory First	Mrs. P. M. Starnes . Hickory	1	3	3	2	1	10	27	53	53	34		167	58	49	80	No		10	
East Hickory	Miss M. Lineberger Hickory	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	18	20	25		81	31	36	36	No			
West Hickory	William Truitt ..... Hickory	1	1	2	2	1	7	28	18	44	44	30	164	35	38	57	No		3	
Highland	Eugene Kerr ..... Hickory	1	1	1	2	2	7	24	22	33	33	12	124	39	73	103	No		2	
Kid's Chapel																				
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. J. J. Henry Lincolnton		1		1		2		10		11		21	9	13	18				
Leonard's Fork																				
Lincoln Avenue																				
Lincolnton First	J. L. Proctors ..... Lincolnton	1	1	1	1	1	5	12	30	19	17	11	89	33	59	61	No		4	
Long Shoals																				
Macedonia																				
East Maiden	Mrs. J. D. Turner ..... Maiden	1	1	1	1	1	5	10	14	13	15		52	34	33	40				
Maiden First	Mrs. J. C. Sherwood .. Maiden	2	2	2	2	1	9	36	40	30	40	20	166	80	76	131	No		6	
Mt. Ruhama																				
Mt. Zion	William Stroupe ..... Alexis		1	1			2		11	13			24	24	20		No			
Mtn. Grove																				
Mt. View																				
Newton First	J. S. Williams ..... Conover	1	1	1	1		4	13	15	34	20		82	26	40		No		2	
North Newton	B. B. White ..... Newton	1		1	1	1	4	31		14	13	16	74	28	40	58	No			
Olivet	Sloan Alexander Long Island	1	1	1	1		4	8	14	12	14		48	22	37	31	No			
Penelope	G. S. Robinson ..... Hickory	1	1	1	1	1	5	25	17	36	25	32	135	27	34	45	No		1	
Piney Grove																				
Providence	Millie Whitener ..... Vale		1	1			2		20	13			33	8	25		No			
Reepsville	Marvin Scronce ..... Vale		1	1	1		3		17	12	20		49							
River View	Floyd Willis ..... Lincolnton	1	1	1	1	1	5	17	15	23	30	12	97	72	72	53	Yes	4	2	
Salem																				
Sharon																				
Southside																				
Warlick's																				
TOTALS		19	25	26	25	15	110	333	402	500	436	155	1826	627	812	915		4	35	

TABLE IV
W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF N. C.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. & POST OFFICES	No. of W. M. S.'s	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Given for Local Work by W. M. U.	Given for Missions by W. M. U.	Grand Total for All Purposes
Amity															$	$	$
Antioch																	
Bethel																	
Boger City	Mrs. S. A. Hutchins Boger City	1	1	2		1	5	18	20	33		35	106	18		60.78	60.78
Brookford																	
Brown Memorial	Mrs. O. A. Teague Hickory	1		2			3	28		29			57		531.95	290.16	822.11
Catawba	Miss Stella Coulter Catawba	1	1				2	17	12				29	12	9.50	90.98	100.48
Cedar Grove																	
Center View																	
Corinth	Mrs. C. H. Henderson. Hickory	1					1	11					11	11	7.75	14.35	22.10
Craig's Memorial																	
Denver																	
Faith																	
Gainesville																	
Hickory First	Mrs. K. C. Menzies Hickory	1	2	2	1	1	7	217	65	41	16	23	362	312	26.00	708.79	734.79
East Hickory	Mrs. Guthrie Colvard Hickory	1	1	2	1	1	6	16	5	18	4	9	52	11			
West Hickory	Mrs. Glenn Smith Hickory	1	1	2	1	1	8	48	23	55	14	40	180	75	32.00	90.23	122.23
Highland	Mrs. W. G. Summey Hickory	3	1	2	1	1	8	38	7	8	17	15	85				783.02
Kid's Chapel																	
Lawing's Chapel	Mrs. C. D. Abernathy Lincltn	1					1	12					12		.53	41.35	41.88
Leonard's Fork	Mrs. J. W. Hoover Crouse	1					1	6					6	6		14.65	14.65
Lincoln Avenue	Mrs. Mary Sain Lincolton	1					8										
Lincolnton First	Mrs. T. V. Lineberger Lncltn	1	1	2	2	1	7	61	17	18	16	12	124	55	89.38	199.96	289.34
Long Shoals																	
Macedonia																	
East Maiden	Mrs. L. R. Williams Maiden														9.75	26.00	35.75
First Maiden	Mrs. J. C. Sherwood Maiden	1	2	2	2	1	8	165	30	35	30	20	280	65	109.21	323.79	433.00
Mt. Ruhama	Mrs. W. B. Caldwell Maiden	1		1			2									29.05	29.05
Mt. Zion																	
Mountain Grove	Mrs. C. S. Eckerd Hickory	1		2		1	4	21		23		20	64		14.83	42.49	57.32
Mountain View																	
Newton First	Mrs. O. S. Ulmer Newton	1	1	2	2	1	7	45	18	20	15	18	116	44	220.88	449.23	670.11
North Newton	Mrs. Jess Link Newton	1		1	1		3	14		12	12		38	17	500.00	138.95	638.95
Olivet	Mrs. H. G. Kale Catawba	1	1				2	21	13				34		22.50	27.37	49.87
Penelope	Mrs. Fred Bolick Hickory	1	1	2	2	1	7	76	14	28	17	15	150	86	1,762.13	240.62	2,002.75
Piney Grove																	
Providence																	
Reepsville																	
River View	Mrs. L. M. Kanipe Lincolnton	1	1	2		1	5	26	13	24		10	73	35		82.59	82.59
Salem	Mrs. S. A. Hovis Lincolnton	1					1	16					16	11		2.77	2.77
Sharon																	
Southside																	
Warlick's																	
TOTALS		23	14	26	13	11	96	856	237	344	141	217	1795	758	$3,336.41	$2,874.11	$6,993.54

TABLE VII GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1940

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS & POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools & Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total for Missions & Benevolences	Total for Local Purposes	Grand Total for All Purposes
Amity	P. A. Mullen Iron Station	$	$	$ 8.25	$	$	$	$	$ 8.50	$	$	$	$ 16.75	$ 175.64	$ 192.39
Antioch	G. M. Martin Lincolnton								8.66				8.66	65.85	74.51
Bethel	E. I. Sigmon Lincolnton													102.00	102.00
Boger City	W. H. Boyles Boger City	348.12		14.98	7.77	26.35	3.56		160.78	16.60		9.30	587.46	5,061.79	5,649.25
Brookford	B. B. Bishop Brookford	2,489.35		59.91		18.50			716.54	14.83	7.15	272.34	3,578.62	3,018.80	6,597.42
Brown Memorial	Geo. W. Fox Hickory	710.69		35.00	32.00	42.00	35.00		181.62	15.00	27.00	12.00	1,090.31	2,403.63	3,493.94
Catawba	Neil Wike Catawba	153.00		13.65	18.23	44.20	2.50		83.50	41.05	20.00		376.13	2,112.59	2,488.72
Cedar Grove	Walter Willis Maiden	8.95							1.00	10.25			20.20	219.83	240.03
Center View	W. W. Laney Maiden			8.00	4.00	10.00			45.42	19.21	4.00	8.72	99.35	669.07	768.42
Corinth	W. O. Whisnant Hickory	92.35							30.00	7.50			129.85	3,107.73	3,237.58
Craig's Memorial	Clyde Gardner Stanley			2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00		15.01		2.00		25.01	241.73	266.74
Denver	B. L. Beal Denver	5.00											5.00	221.27	226.27
Faith	Mrs. Horace Bradshaw I. Sta.			1.49	4.39	3.50		.97	13.82	5.24	.97	.76	31.14	190.18	221.32
Gainesville	Charles Sigmon Maiden	13.40			6.55	6.55			44.77	6.60		6.86	84.73	377.18	461.91
Hickory First	E. L. Fox Hickory	4,532.70	8.50	50.22	87.39	736.50	145.50		768.81	140.15		92.50	6,562.27	13,040.08	19,602.35
East Hickory	F. J. Lutz Hickory	88.62		2.00			2.04	6.20	14.48				113.34	1,123.51	1,236.85
West Hickory	W. A. Lutz Hickory	286.86					9.36		60.00	18.64			374.86	3,035.24	3,410.10
Highland	W. B. Duncan Hickory	1,481.50							282.51	34.26		38.11	1,836.38	4,705.94	6,542.32
Kid's Chapel	D. A. Poole Iron Station			2.00	2.00				4.00				8.00	59.50	67.50
Lawing's Chapel	J. J. Henry Lincolnton			9.60	8.30	19.20	9.65		48.43	20.15		7.08	122.41	604.78	727.19
Leonard's Fork	Hal Heafner Crouse	12.00				14.65			17.00	5.00		5.50	54.15	188.87	243.02
Lincoln Avenue	Winslow Hallman Lincolnton	151.90		4.57					48.00	2.93			207.40	1,856.26	2,063.66
Lincolnton First	W. E. Garrison Lincolnton	483.55	31.19	59.34	32.45	57.27	52.64		132.11	43.03	144.00	98.00	1,133.58	6,769.13	7,902.71
Long Shoals	Clyde Futherow Lincolnton	3.15							6.73	2.50			12.38	422.42	434.80
Macedonia	Maurice Crouse Iron Station	28.21							18.00			3.85	50.06	563.11	613.17
East Maiden	Coy Auton Maiden	137.45		18.65					89.39	15.53			261.02	2,329.18	2,590.20
Maiden First	A. C. Hewitt Maiden	304.68							94.45	25.31		159.82	584.26	4,622.09	5,206.35
Mt. Ruhama	Robert Drum Newton	115.88		33.70					91.02	49.45			290.05	1,298.49	1,588.54
Mt. Zion	E. A. Soiller Alexis	22.15		15.95		5.35			40.55	10.89		19.00	113.89	671.70	785.59
Mtn. Grove	C. S. Eckerd Hickory	58.64		5.44	11.16	5.35			62.70	11.74			155.03	937.78	1,092.81
Mtn. View	Horace Lawing Maiden			7.50	2.00	21.00			12.15	14.00			56.65	359.71	416.36
Newton First	J. Y. Killian Newton	576.85	2.00	28.75	52.56	75.07	29.30		120.00	50.65			935.18	4,125.99	5,061.17
North Newton	Floy Link Newton	235.05		30.96	15.00	15.02			133.50	55.33		32.00	516.86	2,656.34	3,173.20
Olivet	N. W. Lytton Long Island	256.98		5.00					119.16	11.95		14.50	407.59	4,643.65	5,051.24
Penelope	O. E. McCray Hickory	337.16		3.57	11.14	14.45	19.28		75.55	84.45			545.60	3,760.19	4,305.79
Piney Grove	J. P. Abernethy Catawba	20.80							19.25	12.20			52.25	239.43	291.68
Providence	D. W. Brittain Hickory	95.00							15.00		6.00		116.00	956.30	1,072.30
Reepsville	Gaither Ledford Vale								3.56	2.82			6.38	275.30	281.68
River View	P. L. Coffey Lincolnton	153.45		11.47	15.76	50.19		7.90	117.97	12.55		7.00	376.29	1,840.15	2,216.44
Salem	Worth Lineberger Lincolnton	15.00								3.00		2.77	20.77	385.03	405.80
Sharon	Mrs. Edna Dellinger I. Sta.	1.00							9.50	2.61			13.11	79.02	92.13
Southside	W. F. Parker Southside	23.33							37.92			14.14	75.39	996.91	1,072.30
Warlicks	Forest Ervin Icard	25.00											25.00	586.43	611.43
TOTALS		$13,267.77	$41.69	$432.00	$311.70	$1,168.15	$310.83	$15.07	$3,751.36	$765.42	$211.12	$804.25	$21,079.36	$81,100.61	$102,179.97